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A crew guides the head of the 20-foot-tall fiberglass Santa Claus statue into place at Fairplain Plaza in Benton Township in 2000. The statue has since gone missing after being stored inside The Orchards Mall during the pandemic.

Who stole Santa?

It wasn't Stevensville. Meanwhile, the fate of area's iconic giant Santa is a mystery

By TONY WITTKOWSKI and LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writers

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The towering Santa statute that became a fixture at The Orchards Mall, and before that at Fairplain Plaza, has been missing for at least six months.

Many area Facebook users have spent the better part of the past week asking what happened to the 20-foot statue and whether it was the same as the ones that have been spotted in Stevensville and Kalamazoo.

Mall Administrative Liaison Christina Castaneda said the statue was last seen in the Benton Township mall sometime around the end of March or into April.

She said it was being stored in the former JC Penney store, broken down into three pieces.

"The head was standing up, right in front of the doors," Castaneda said. "A lot of people said it was creepy. That's why there are so many pictures of it."

The mall shut down as the COVID-19 pandemic hit hard, toward the end of March.

Castaneda believes it was stolen at some point after the closure. She said she was alerted to its absence after a handful of mall walkers couldn't find it on their usual trek around the premises.

"We have some mall workers who have been coming here every morning for 30 years," she said. "Nothing gets past them."

Since then there have been no leads in the mystery. Castaneda said it was likely taken by someone with a key and access to the mall during the shutdown.

"Something I've learned about this place – there's only one set of double doors to get something that big out," said Castaneda, who became the mall's administrative liaison this summer. "And that's down at Entrance 4. You have to have the key to get those double doors open."

Don Campbell / HP staff

Children can drop off their letters to Santa next to the Santa Claus statue, now on display in downtown Stevensville. Several Facebook users have mistaken this statue for the one believed stolen from Orchards Mall several months ago.

Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth is the supplier for the distinctive Santa statues.

Based on the company's estimates, Castaneda said those large Santa statues now cost nearly $16,000.

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What's up with that?

Do you have a question about something you've noticed in Southwest Michigan? Email it to localnews@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an upcoming article.

Orchards Mall gets into the Christmas spirit

Holiday shopping market planned for Dec. 12-13

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Orchards Mall is hoping to end 2020 in a festive manner.

The mall plans to host a holiday shopping market from Dec. 12-13. It is being called the Home For Holidays Community Christmas Expo.

The expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 12 – a Saturday – and from 1-6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Christina Castaneda, the mall's administrative liaison, said the two-day event has been in the works for three weeks.

"This was about looking for ways to get the community involved," Castaneda said. "If this goes well, I'm hoping to do it again."

Held in the space of the former Carson's store, Castaneda is seeking vendors for more than 90,000 square feet of space. Each vendor will be assigned a space that is taped off and given the proper distance between others.

She said they have at least 30 vendors registered for the event, and will accept up to 64.

Castaneda said the event will abide by guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control, which includes limiting the number of attendees inside the mall at one time, taking temperatures at the door, and requiring masks to be worn.

Social distance check points will also be in place.

Among the precautions the Benton Township mall intends to take will be using one entrance and one exit, in an effort to control the flow of visitors. Volunteers will be posted at both spots, keeping a counter to ensure a limited number of people are allowed in.

"We have volunteers from the community who have stepped up to monitor the event," Castaneda said.

Vendors can pay $50 to get a 12-by-12 display space with one table. Vendors could also pay $100 for the same size of display space with three tables.

Castaneda said they are working to get hand sanitizing stations installed throughout the mall.

The event will include pictures with Santa, a live band, family entertainment, along with the chance to support local vendors. Castaneda

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Mall Administrative Liaison Christina Castaneda adds lights to a holiday display Tuesday in preparation for upcoming Christmas celebrations at The Orchards Mall in Benton Township.

Plea deal reached in embezzlement case

Police: Bookkeeper took $80,000

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — A Coloma woman who was to go on trial for allegedly embezzling more than $80,000 from her former employer has reached a plea deal with prosecutors.

Mary Eilene Vollrath, 58, was arrested in June on a charge of embezzlement $50,000 to $100,000, a 15-year felony.

Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Jane Wainwright said Vollrath has pleaded guilty to attempted embezzlement $50,000 to $100,000, a five-year felony. Sentencing is set for Jan. 11.

According to court documents, Benton Township police were called April 23 to Patterson Printing on Territorial Road, where Vollrath worked as a bookkeeper.

Employees told police that during an audit, it was discovered that Vollrath had written checks to herself totaling $80,263.98 between 2017 and 2020, according to a police report.

Vollrath had been employed at Patterson Printing for about 10 years. Police said she admitted writing the checks to herself and cashing them.

McConnell sticking with partisan COVID relief plan

Senate GOP leader won't support $908B bipartisan proposal

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell said Tuesday he's largely sticking with a partisan, scaled-back COVID-19 relief bill that has already failed twice this fall, even as Democratic leaders and a bipartisan group of moderates offered concessions in hopes of passing pandemic aid before Congress adjourns for the year.

The Kentucky Republican made the announcement after President-elect Joe Biden called upon lawmakers to pass a downpayment relief bill now with more to come next year. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi resumed talks with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin about a year-end spending package that could include COVID relief provisions. Key Senate moderates rallied behind a scaled-back framework.

J. Scott Applewhite / AP

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., arrives to talk to reporters on Nov. 17 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

It's not clear whether the flurry of activity will lead to actual progress. Time is running out on Congress' lame-duck session and Donald Trump's presidency, many Republicans won't even acknowledge that Trump has lost the election and good faith between the two parties remains in short supply.

McConnell said his bill, which only modestly tweaks an earlier plan blocked by Democrats, would be signed by Trump and that additional legislation could pass next year. But his initiative fell flat with Democrats and a key GOP moderate.

"If it's identical to what (McConnell) brought forth this summer then it's going to be a partisan bill that is not going to become law," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who joined moderates in unveiling a $908 billion bipartisan package only hours earlier. "And I want a bill that will become law."

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Panel: 1st vaccines to health care workers, nursing homes

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Health care workers and nursing home residents should be at the front of the line when the first coronavirus vaccine shots become available, an influential government advisory panel said Tuesday.

The panel voted 13-1 to recommend those groups get priority in the first days of any coming vaccination program, when doses are expected to be very limited. The two groups encompass about 24 million people out of a U.S. population of about 330 million.

Later this month, the Food and Drug Administration will consider authorizing emergency use of two vaccines made by Pfizer and Moderna. Current estimates project that no more than 20 million doses of each vaccine will be available by the end of 2020. And each product requires two doses. As a result, the shots will be rationed in the early stages.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will meet again at some point to decide who should be next in line. Among the possibilities: teachers, police, firefighters and workers in other essential fields such as food production and transportation; the elderly; and people with underlying medical conditions.

Tuesday's action merely designated who should get shots first if a safe and effective vaccine becomes available. The panel did not endorse any particular vaccine. Panel members are waiting to hear FDA's evaluation and to see more safety and efficacy data before endorsing any particular product.

Ted S. Warren / AP

Pharmacist Michael Witte holds a tray with a syringe containing a shot that will be used in the first clinical trial of a potential vaccine for COVID-19 at the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute in Seattle in March.

Experts say the vaccine will probably not become widely available in the U.S. until the spring.

The panel of outside scientific experts, created in 1964, makes recommendations to the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who almost always approves them. It normally has 15 voting members, but one seat is vacant.

The recommendations are not binding, but for decades they have been widely heeded by doctors, and they have determined the scope and funding of U.S. vaccination programs.

It will be up to state authorities whether to follow the guidance. It will also be left to them to make further, more detailed decisions if necessary – for example, whether to put emergency room doctors and nurses ahead of other health care workers if vaccine supplies are low.

The outbreak in the U.S. has killed nearly 270,000 people and caused more than 13.5 million confirmed infections, with deaths, hospitalizations and cases rocketing in recent weeks.

As the virtual meeting got underway, panel member Dr. Beth Bell of the University of Washington noted that on average, one person is dying of COVID-19 per minute in the U.S. right now, "so I guess we are acting none too soon."

About 3 million people are living in nursing homes, long-term chronic care hospitals, and other U.S. long-term care facilities. Those patients and the staff members who care for them have accounted for 6 percent of the nation's coronavirus cases and a staggering 39 percent of the deaths, CDC officials say.

Despite the heavy toll, some board members at Tuesday's meeting said they hesitated to include such patients in the first group getting shots.

CDC to shorten COVID-19 quarantine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is set to shorten the recommended length of quarantine after exposure to someone who is positive for COVID-19, as the virus rages across the nation.

According to a senior administration official, the new guidelines will allow people who have come in contact to someone infected with the virus to resume normal activity after 10 days, or 7 days if they receive a negative test result. That's down from the 14-day period recommended since the onset of the pandemic.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to preview the announcement, said the policy change has been discussed for some time, as scientists have studied the incubation period for the virus. The policy would hasten the return to normal activities by those deemed to be "close contacts" of those infected with the virus, which has infected more than 13.5 million Americans and killed at least 270,000.

While the CDC had said the incubation period for the virus was thought to extend to 14 days, most individuals became infectious and developed symptoms between 4 and 5 days after exposure.

– The Associated Press

Michigan Office of the Governor via AP

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer addresses the state Tuesday during a speech in Lansing.

Cautious optimism, uncertainty as state virus cases decline

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A top Michigan health official said Tuesday she was cautiously optimistic that more residents took steps to combat the surging coronavirus last month, citing declining case rates, but warned that the spread remains significant and the effect of Thanksgiving will not be known for two to three weeks.

Joneigh Khaldun, the state's chief medical executive and an adviser to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, urged people who traveled for the holiday to stay away from others for 14 days.

The Democratic governor, meanwhile, said it was too early to say if her administration will extend a three-week order that prevents high schools from offering in-person instruction, prohibits dine-in service at restaurants and closes various entertainment businesses. The restrictions are due to end in a week, Dec. 8.

Joe Vicari, who owns more than 20 Detroit-area restaurants, has urged other restaurant owners to defy the indoor-dining ban if it is continued.

"I would discourage people from willfully breaking the law always, no matter what the law is, on any subject," Whitmer said at a news conference. "In this moment, we need to give one another empathy and a little bit of grace and recognize the gravity of this situation."

She noted the risks of unmasked people gathering inside at eateries, though did not specify how many cases have been linked to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus. She said it has contributed to more than 9,000 deaths statewide.

"I understand the frustration. I understand the fear," Whitmer said. "We've had over three 9/11s here in Michigan in the last 10 months... This is still a very real threat to all of us."

Whitmer again urged the Republican-led Legislature to pass a $100 million relief plan and for Congress to enact a separate round of aid.

Michigan's seven-day case average of 6,854 is down from 7,235 two weeks ago. The rate of tests coming back positive, 11.6 percent, is up slightly. The average daily death count, however, is 89 – an increase from 60 on Nov. 16 – and the highest since early May.

The state health department reported 190 deaths on Monday, including 160 over the most recent 24-hour period. Deaths are a lagging indicator since it takes time for people to get sick and die.

"We're cautiously optimistic. Based on what we are seeing, more people started doing the right thing towards the beginning of November. That means wearing masks, not gathering and maintaining 6 feet of distance from others," Khaldun said. She added that officials will look at trends in the wake of Thanksgiving.

Khaldun cautioned that the second wave has left contact tracers unable to try to contact all newly infected people in a timely way. She also said the state is planning for when a vaccine is available.

Later this month, the Food and Drug Administration will consider authorizing emergency use of two vaccines made by Pfizer and Moderna.

LOTTERIES

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QD-KD-6C-10D-5S
Midday Daily 3
9-9-7
Midday Daily 4
9-5-5-0
Daily 3
9-8-6
Daily 4
7-4-1-3
Fantasy 5
03-14-25-26-36
Keno
04-11-15-21-25-26-33-35-44-45-50-51-56-57-59-62-63-64-65-66-76-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$229 million
Powerball jackpot
$231 million

Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
03-07-10-13-23
Cash4Life
03-25-35-46-57, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
04-05-21-29-37-40-43-46-50-51-53-56-57-59-61-65-66-67-70-80, BE: 80
Daily Three-Midday
5-3-0, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
6-3-1, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
8-1-9-5, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
0-2-2-8, SB: 9
Quick Draw Evening
01-02-03-12-16-21-26-28-30-39-51-54-60-64-66-72-73-74-75-76, BE: 75

Illinois
Lotto
06-07-11-15-17-47, Extra Shot: 1
Estimated jackpot
$10.85 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
10-17-23-27-40
Pick Three-Midday
1-9-6, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
1-8-5, Fireball: 5
Pick Four-Midday
2-1-0-8, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Evening
5-7-3-7, Fireball: 5
Lucky Day Lotto
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– The Associated Press

Barr: No widespread election fraud found

By MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Disputing President Donald Trump's persistent, baseless claims, Attorney General William Barr declared Tuesday the U.S. Justice Department has uncovered no evidence of widespread voter fraud that could change the outcome of the 2020 election.

BARR

Barr's comments, in an interview with the The Associated Press, contradict the concerted effort by Trump, his boss, to subvert the results of last month's voting and block President-elect Joe Biden from taking his place in the White House.

Barr told the AP that U.S. attorneys and FBI agents have been working to follow up specific complaints and information they've received, but "to date, we have not seen fraud on a scale that could have effected a different outcome in the election."

The comments, which drew immediate criticism from Trump attorneys, were especially notable coming from Barr, who has been one of the president's most ardent allies. Before the election, he had repeatedly raised the notion that mail-in voting could be especially vulnerable to fraud during the coronavirus pandemic as Americans feared going to polls and instead chose to vote by mail.

More to Trump's liking, Barr revealed in the AP interview that in October he had appointed U.S. Attorney John Durham as a special counsel, giving the prosecutor the authority to continue to investigate the origins of the Trump-Russia probe after Biden takes over and making it difficult to fire him. Biden hasn't said what he might do with the investigation, and his transition team didn't comment Tuesday.

Trump raises $170M as he looks to future

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has raised roughly $170 million since his Election Day defeat, a sum garnered through a nonstop stream of solicitations that have falsely claimed the election was stolen while requesting contributions for an "election defense fund."

Most of the money was raised in the days after the Nov. 3 election, according to a person familiar with Trump's effort who requested anonymity on Tuesday to discuss details of the operation.

The amount, which approaches the sums Trump took in at the height of the campaign, offers yet another sign that he does not intend to leave the White House quietly and will remain a powerful force in Republican politics.

As Trump's chances of reelection dwindled in the hours and days after the election, his campaign began bombarding supporters with hundreds of emails and text messages that made inaccurate claims about voter fraud and election irregularities, while requesting money to fight the outcome.

But the fine print indicates much of the money has instead paid down campaign debt, replenished the Republican National Committee and, more recently, helped get Save America, a new political action committee Trump founded, off the ground.

Seventy-five percent of each contribution made now goes to Save America, with the remaining 25 percent going to the RNC's operating account. It's only once donors have given the legal maximum to Trump's political committee and the RNC that money begins spilling over into accounts specifically intended to pay for legal proceedings related to the election.

SANTA

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"I spoke with the gentleman there and he told me they don't have serial numbers or special markings," she said. "They only sell six a year, on average. There seems to be a few around here."

Standing tall

The mall Santa isn't the only giant Santa in Southwest Michigan.

Steve Slavicek, former president of Stevensville, said the village bought an almost 20-foot-tall Santa in 2014 to attract more people to the downtown.

"And it's worked. I just saw people out there today taking pictures," he said Tuesday. Stevensville put its Santa out for the season this past Friday.

People can leave letters to Santa in a special Santa North Pole mailbox next to him.

Slavicek said people occasionally ask if it is the former Fairplain Santa, which became a local fixture when it was stationed at the corner of Napier Avenue and M-139 in Benton Township for years.

"It's not," he said. "We have our own."

Slavicek said the village bought the Santa from the same store in Frankenmuth where the original Fairplain Plaza Santa was purchased. The only main difference is that the Fairplain Santa has black mittens, while the Stevensville Santa has green ones.

Some people still believe the Stevensville Santa is the same as the Benton Township Santa.

Someone posted recently on the Benton Harbor & St. Joseph, Michigan Memories Facebook page, asking for information about the location of the Fairplain Santa, which was more recently placed inside the Orchards Mall.

Several people responded, erroneously, saying that they saw it in Stevensville. A couple of others users said they saw the giant Santa in Kalamazoo.

Many Southwest Michigan residents have said they have fond memories of visiting the giant Santa over the years.

"I grew up with this Santa as you said in Benton Harbor ... good memories," one person wrote. "Glad I have them. Thanks for sharing this amazing Santa. (M)iss seeing him."

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Lakeshore OKs step increase for teachers

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore school board trustees approved giving teachers a step increase in pay during a special meeting Monday.

After the meeting, Superintendent Phil Freeman said that amounts to the teachers receiving an extra $1,300 to $1,600 annually. Teachers already at the top of the 21-step pay scale received a $1,500 one-time stipend.

He said the teacher's union agreed to a pay freeze in August because of the uncertainty of the budget due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The agreement included that teachers' pay would be reconsidered by Nov. 30, which was Monday. The increase in pay is retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

Freeman said that the teacher's union has already approved the contract.

In June, school officials were told that the district's per pupil payments from the state could be cut by more than $600 per student, which would have amounted to $1.8 million for the 2020-21 school year.

Instead, Freeman said the district's foundation allowance from the state remained the same, at $8,111 per student.

He said there are still a lot of unknowns concerning the budget, but the district is in a much better position than what was forecast in the summer.

"We got some federal money to fill in some of the gaps that we've got to pay related to COVID," he said.

Because of the budget uncertainty, he said that this past spring he accepted a 4 percent cut in pay, with the district's administrators accepting a 2 percent cut in pay. With the budget outlook improving, trustees reinstated his and the administrators' pay in October.

Freeman said that the district's three-day remote learning practice, which started Monday for grades K-8, is going well. He expects students to be able to return to class for face-to-face instruction on Thursday unless he learns something new from the Berrien County Health Department today.

For now the high school students continue to learn virtually, per the most recent orders from the state. He said they are expected to return to the classroom on Dec. 9.

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Derek Pelc, chief naturalist at Love Creek Nature Center, checks out some of the center's new skis available for rent this winter. Pelc is hoping for an abundance of snow this year – something that was missing a year ago.

New cross-country ski equipment donated to Love Creek Nature Center

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN CENTER — Cross country skiing enthusiasts will have new equipment to rent from Love Creek Nature Center and County Park in Berrien Center, thanks to donations from two nonprofit groups.

Derek Pelc, chief naturalist at Love Creek, said just over $11,000 was donated to buy 75 sets of Alpina cross country skis, replacing the old ones, which were more than 10 years old.

"We have several different sizes ranging from for kids who are only 50 pounds all the way to adults over 200 (pounds)," he said.

He said each set includes boots, skis and poles, with extra bindings purchased for the boots in case they break.

Pelc said the old equipment was in pretty bad shape.

"The skis fared pretty well, but the majority of the boots were breaking down, getting cracked," he said. "... A lot of the poles were more easily bent."

The money was donated by the Bitzer Family Fund and the Bike Michiana Coalition.

Now, Pelc said all the center needs is snow.

"Last year was really bad. I'm keeping my fingers crossed. I think we did about five or six days of skiing with the little bit (of snow that) we had," he said. "Hopefully, we can quadruple that this year at least."

Love Creek Nature Center now has dozens of new pairs of ski boots, skis and poles through contributions from the Bitzer Family Fund and the Bike Michiana Coalition.

After snow arrives, people interested in using the new skis are encouraged to call ahead to check on condition of the trails.

The nature center offers about six miles of cross country skiing trails, a one-mile snowshoe trail and three-and-one-half miles of fat tire biking trails.

Pelc said people should call ahead before coming to cross country ski, to make sure the trails have been groomed. Also, he said that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the state is often changing the social distancing requirements.

"We're going to have some different precautions in place," he said.

He said people will have a limited amount of time in the warming room to put on and take off their ski boots, especially on busier days.

Information will be posted on the center's Facebook page. He said people can also call the center at 471-2617.

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Recounts set for District 5 Berrien seat, Galien village president

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

Two recounts have been scheduled concerning the November election – one for the District 5 Berrien County commissioner seat and one for the Galien village president.

The recount for Galien Village Council president will start at 9 a.m. Friday, with the recount for the District 5 seat beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, according to news releases from Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Both recounts will take place in the jury assembly room at the South County Building, 1205 N. Front St., Niles. The number of people allowed in the room to watch the recount will be limited due to gathering restrictions ordered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to help slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

The public can watch the recounts virtually on Berrien County's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmM1ZFk8hLzi57B3VCj6Irw?view_as=subscriber.

In the District 5 race for county commissioner, Republican Bruce Gorenflo and Democrat Rayonte Bell each received 3,934 votes. After a state-mandated drawing, Gorenflo was declared the winner, with Bell asking for a recount. District 5 includes St. Joseph, Shoreham and precincts 1 and 2 of St. Joseph Township. The current District 5 commissioner, Bill Chickering, is retiring from the two-year seat.

In the nonpartisan race for Galien Village Council president, challenger Paul Palmer edged incumbent Kenneth Chappell by two votes, 105-103. Chappell then asked for a recount.

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SJ draft of parks plan available for review

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A draft of the city of St. Joseph Parks & Recreation Master Plan update will be available for review and public comment starting this Friday.

The plan will be posted on the city's website at sjcity.com. Public comments will be taken for 30 days. A hard copy of the plan will be available at St. Joseph City Hall, 700 Broad Street.

Comments can be emailed to: sfromson@edgewaterresources.com.

A public hearing on the five-year plan is scheduled for Jan. 7, 2021, at a meeting of the city's parks advisory board.

Suzanne Fromson is a landscape architect with Edgewater Resources, the design and planning firm that is producing the plan. She said input from a survey taken over the past couple of months helped shape priorities for parks and recreation improvements over the next five years and beyond.

Parks within the city include Tiscornia Park, West Basin Marina, Lake Bluff Park, Upton Arboretum, Whirlpool Centennial Park, Old St. Joseph Neighborhood Park, Point Park, Howard Family Trail, Lions Park, Kiwanis Park, Dickinson Park, Milton Park, Lookout Park, Whittlesey Park, Tiny Tots Park and Riverview Park.

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The St. Joseph Parks & Recreation Master Plan update, covering parks throughout the city, including Lookout Park, will be available for review and public comment beginning Friday.

IN BRIEF

Local COVID-19 hospital cases dip some

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 59 COVID-19 patients Tuesday morning. That's down from 62 on Monday and 69 last Monday.

Berrien County recorded 55 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday, bringing the seven-day average of new cases in the county to about 113. That's compared to about 133 last Tuesday.

The county also recorded one new death and 82 new recoveries Tuesday.

Van Buren County continues to record new COVID-19 deaths. Three were reported on Tuesday, bringing the county's death toll to 45.

In addition, the county recorded 67 new cases.

Cass County recorded one new COVID-19 death Tuesday, bringing its death toll to 30. The county also recorded 35 new cases.

The state updated its long-term care facility COVID-19 outbreak reports on Tuesday. Many new cases were reported in residents and staff at Pine Ridge Rehab and Nursing Center in Stevensville and Riveridge Rehab and Health Center in Niles. To read the full report, visit michigan.gov/coronavirus and click on "Long-term Care Facilities."

Jackson couple dies of COVID seconds apart

JACKSON (AP) — A Michigan couple who was married for nearly 50 years died seconds apart from the coronavirus.

The couple died Nov. 24 in Henry Ford Allegiance Hospital in Jackson. Leslie and Patricia McWaters spent a week at the hospital after getting sick with COVID-19.

"The time on both of their death certificates is 4:23 p.m., because (the difference) was too close to call," said their daughter Joanna Sisk. "It's like they met right after they died and went up to heaven together."

Sisk said her mother visited a doctor two weeks ago after "feeling poorly." The doctor sent her home and told her to "take care of herself and stay in place."

"When she went back home, my dad ended up getting it," she said.

The couple got progressively sicker and on Nov. 17 took an ambulance to the hospital.

The couple was cremated, and a future service is being planned.

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The parochial media

Every presidential election involving a Republican victor inevitably is followed by self-flagellation by the media. *For some reason, gosh, how did we get it wrong this time?*

Kathleen Parker

How about every time the media's guy or gal doesn't win?

We're familiar with the routine by now. The public has seen it many times in the last 40 years. It is long past time for some self-examination.

Sure, sure, the models threw the politicos off. The polls were misleading. Republicans did far better than many of the folks who track our politics expected. But the news media's chief problem is that it's stuck in a bubble, talking mostly to themselves. Sitting in the Green Room, I would listen to my friends and colleagues discussing the folks out yonder and what they had learned on the hustings, thinking: You can't get there from here. Dropping in a place for a few hours or days isn't enough to understand why people think a certain way.

I've been watching – and have participated in – this charade for close to 35 years as a columnist. When I hooked a U-Haul trailer to my car and drove to Washington in 2003, I told people I was going to be a spy for Bubba. Having observed national reporters parachuting into my home state every four years to take the pulse of their idea of a native, I was annoyed that my cousins (kidding) were being portrayed as ignorant yahoos.

Some are, but this is largely a function of economics and education, not character. I soon understood that stereotypes of "ignorant rednecks" flourished in no small part because of lazy reporters who might as well sit at the counter at the Lizard's Thicket, sipping sweet tea and eating gravy biscuits for half a day, before winging back to D.C. in time for their next TV hit.

So began my career as a spy – but not for Bubba, as it turned out. My role in Washington was to be a "southern white woman," as one MSNBC host once called me. I was quickly embraced by cable-tv producers because I had actually lived among the indigenous peoples and could report on their strange habits, such as going to church on Wednesday night, their attachment to God, guns and the Confederate battle flag.

At a certain point, I wearied of trying to answer a question that often came up when I found myself speaking to groups of people outside my home state: Can you explain South Carolina? South Carolinian politician James L. Petigru's famous quote after the state seceded from the Union in 1860 – "too small for a republic, but too large for an insane asylum" – had grown stale and, so, I defaulted to shaking my head. This usually got a big laugh; I am guilty, I suppose, of tacitly accepting the notion that there's no explaining stupidity. In truth, it was simply impossible to explain the South's complexity to people who would never understand because they didn't really want to.

In 2004, when George W. Bush won a second term, the media were aghast. Why, they didn't know anyone who had voted for him! What had they missed? MSNBC's Chris Matthews suggested that the United States initiate an exchange program between coastal and flyover kids so they could understand each other's culture. One can imagine the excitement of an L.A. teen bound for Savage Fork, Louisiana, while his country counterpart heads for the Hollywood Hills. But, in truth, it may not have been such a bad idea.

A similar reaction followed President Donald Trump's near re-election a few weeks ago, prompting commentary by journalists once again trying to understand how they had missed the Republican success in House races. It's a valuable exercise, if it means anything. We know that Joe Biden's election made perfect sense to most in the Beltway media, as would have Hillary Clinton's, as did Barack Obama's, as did Bill Clinton's. That's because most of them supported the Democrats through undisguised, selective coverage.

Many Americans quit trusting the media long before Trump turned them into enemies of the people, but he recognized the value of calling out "fake news" to protect him from incoming. It has worked to his advantage but not to the country's. We're more divided than ever, more contemptuous and distrustful of the "other," and doomed if we don't do something about it. Earnest efforts post-2016 to better understand the American voter, with editors essentially embedding reporters outside their comfort zone, were well-intentioned if not nearly enough.

President-elect Joe Biden has promised that unifying the country will be a priority of his administration. I trust his intentions, but he can only do so much without the media's cooperation. I'm not suggesting that reporters should relax their watchdog role, but I do hope that all try to remember whence we came. We're ink-stained wretches, after all, none of us more important than the people we're supposed to serve – the readers, television viewers and online followers who expect *us* to trust *them* to judge unfiltered facts that we present in good faith.

Why wait for New Year's Day to make a resolution?

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LETTERS

Let's defeat COVID-19 by working together

Editor,

Whether a five-star general or first year private, neither would divide their force to face an enemy. Republican or Democrat, Black or white, genius or idiot, Catholic or atheist, tall or short, slim or fat, pony tailed or bald, we are all in this battle against the COVID-19 virus together. To date we have divided ourselves along many lines, but the most lethal of all divisions is around masks.

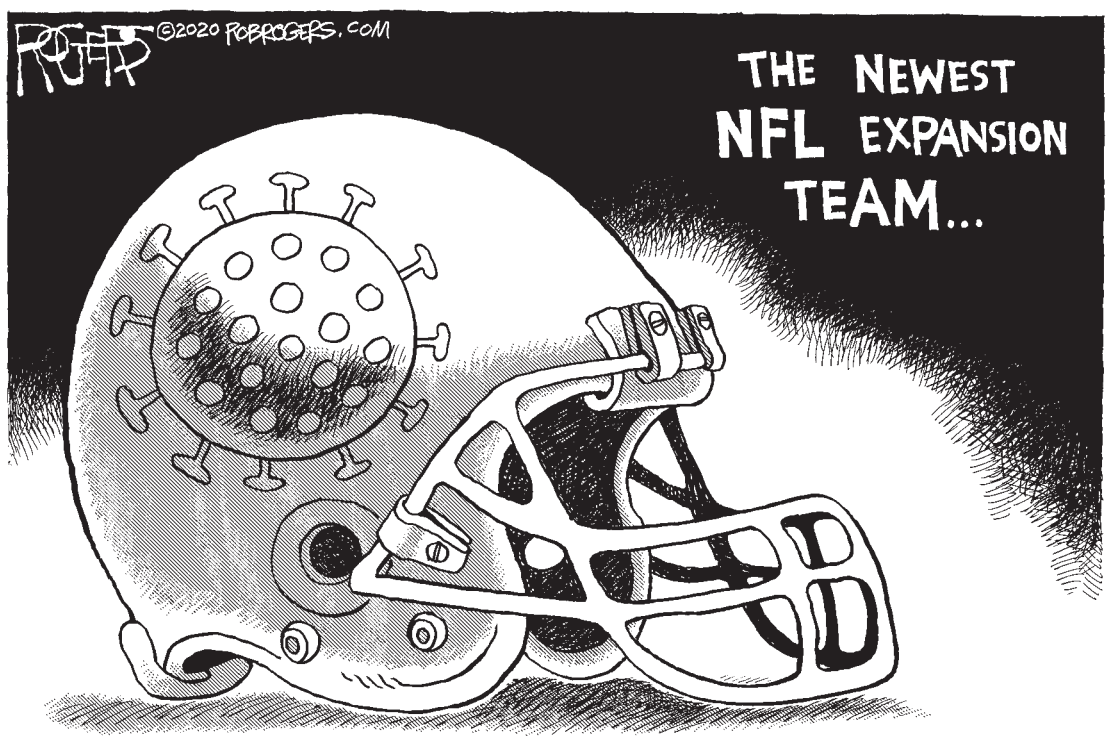
We can plainly and painfully see the deaths resulting from our selfish decisions – a quarter million Americans are dead.

It makes sense to listen to politicians when we discuss law and societal norms. It makes *no* sense to follow any politician's opinions or "gut" feelings regarding science. Many of these "genius" politicians would not pass your high school child's science classes if taken today.

Please show our worn-out health care workers that you respect them and their sacrifices – by wearing a mask in public, and lower their workload and maybe save your own life. If you are not willing to mask up in public then do us all a favor and stay home.

Regardless of how you've felt in the past, the mask-up group welcomes newcomers with open arms at 6 feet. We will defeat this by working together, and to date we've been getting our tail kicked. Let's turn this corner for a great 2021.

Bill Sullivan
St Joseph



Will anti-maskers be anti-vaccine?

Editor,

When the vaccine is available, we still will not be out of the woods.

These crazy people who haven't been wearing masks will not get the vaccine, and we will be right back where we started from.

I wish they would get their heads out of the sand, and do what is right, for themselves and everyone around them.

Dorothy Nelson
Berrien Springs

Make sure COVID-19 vaccine is safe

Editor,

The CDC is about to tell us who they have selected to be the first to receive one of the new vaccines. Here is what I think: Our frontline workers who do an outstanding job should be first, but in a very careful way.

What if something goes wrong and all of our frontline workers become ill? This country will be in a very bad way. So, CDC, be very careful who you chose.

Gary Horton
Stevensville

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Worship the state, or else

In totalitarian societies, governments suppress the church and religious worship. That's because dictators believe citizens should worship them as the highest authority and not a Higher Authority, which they view as a threat to their power and position.

Cal Thomas

In the United States, the threat to religious liberty has been under siege for some time. Last week's Thanksgiving gift to believers from the Supreme Court may be only a temporary reprieve from government's assault on faith and conscience. The narrow 5-4 ruling serves as a warning the threat is not over.

The court majority ruled that Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York overstepped his authority and the Constitution, when he arbitrarily declared that, during the COVID pandemic, worship services must be limited to a number he created out of whole cloth.

What is it that causes so many Americans to place their faith in government over faith in God, or even faith in themselves? False gods of wood, iron, bronze and gold could not answer the prayers of ancient peoples, so why, when government fails to answer the "prayers" of so many today, do people continue to put their faith in it?

When government sets itself up as the ultimate authority on all things, including the right to gather and worship freely, other liberties can quickly be at risk. If the First Amendment is to be challenged, even watered down when it comes to faith and practice, why not impose stricter controls on speech and the press, as is done in totalitarian states? Once the principle that government endows rights is established, it is a very short step for government to take them away.

In China and elsewhere around the globe, dictators view God as a challenge to their rule. They demand total fealty, or those who seek to go over their heads with appeals to Heaven must be arrested, jailed and in some instances murdered that the almighty state be preserved.

One of the founding principles that brought Pilgrims from England to America was the freedom to worship God as their consciences dictated. The Constitution guarantees that right. In more recent years the term "separation between church and state" penned by Thomas Jefferson in a private letter to a friend, has come to mean the right of the government to define the meaning of "church," restricting the practice of faith to one hour on Sunday morning and in the case of Gov. Cuomo and some other governors and mayors, dictating how many people can gather to worship someone other than them.

A Wall Street Journal editorial commenting on the court's decision got it right: "The court explains that New York's order treats houses of worship more harshly than what Mr. Cuomo considers 'essential' businesses. Those include liquor stores, bike shops, acupuncturists, lawyers, accountants, and more."

Sermons I have heard over the years have noted that in the eyes of God when one has broken one of the Ten Commandments, one has broken them all. Breaking one law, they have noted, defines one as a lawbreaker.

It is a good analogy when considering our liberties. If one is threatened, all are potentially at risk. President-elect Joe Biden has promised to name more liberal judges to federal benches. If he succeeds, expect more challenges to religious freedom and other constitutional rights, including the right to life and the right to keep and bear arms. It is a major reason why the runoff election in Georgia next month must re-elect the two Republicans so that a Senate majority can block challenges by the new administration, not just to religious liberty, but to other freedoms as well.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for Tribune Content Agency.

Still thankful in uncertain times

In this, the most unique year of a lifetime, with holidays in progress, our celebrations have taken on new demands for safety. Can we change the focus for at least a few days from the uncommon and pervading fears now confronting the whole world to a time of celebration? Death is a fact of life, a reality facing each of us at some time or another. Most people hope for later than sooner. Poverty, homelessness and joblessness are also not uncommon but never have they been so prevalent and unexpected.

Melinda Stibal
Opinion Maker

Our nation is divided at this moment in time between political alliances, the undeniable results of the presidential election questioned with mass protests, denial and name-calling, not to mention an all-consuming pandemic causing all-out nationwide anxiety pervading the whole populace. We are also divided between factions of people who care deeply for the many unknown others suffering loss of health, loved ones, jobs, homes, health care and basic needs and those who couldn't care less, people who resent the boundaries being set to protect us from undue suffering caused by the coronavirus.

Among these are a majority who are more fearful of loss of personal freedom to frequent their favorite hangouts with friends and family than they are fearful of the dangers of the invasive (hoax?) virus thus precipitating an assault on the medical community and first responders. We expect them to honor their oaths and treat all comers. What of their freedom? It's very easy to call them heroes while refusing to take the precautions that will ease their workloads and their sad, isolated confrontations with the death and destruction of the virus.

We Michigan dwellers are divided between those who supported the armed protestors on the Capitol grounds in Lansing earlier this year and those who are highly offended at the "freedom to bear (multiple, terrorist-type) arms" that was granted there. That image sent a resounding message that we are a people who honor violence over peaceful, non-threatening methods of free speech protests. And our majority lawmakers in Lansing allowed it.

There is a segment of the population refusing to give up their holiday traditions flaunting advice of experts who have seen this coming and advised against anything beyond in-home participants. Not to mention wearing masks and keeping distance where outsiders are present. Next year's Thanksgiving tradition may well include needlessly empty seats at the table and an overtone of sadness that will last for generations.

In view of all of the above I would like to suggest that we do have much for which to be thankful. I dare share a few examples.

I am thankful for all of the medical people and first responders who worked and are still working feverishly and selflessly to give aid and comfort to those who took preventive measures as well as those who attended virus super-spreaders, refusing to believe. I am also thankful for state governors who ignored the jeering masses, unafraid of being persecuted for doing what they and their advisers deemed best for their citizens. They are blazing a trail to an uncharted frontier as they save lives without knowing how many or which ones. Nationwide statistics show proof of their wisdom.

I am thankful for restaurants, beauticians, gyms and other providers who have had to close down or minimize services knowing that the sacrifice will benefit public health at their own risk of bankruptcy. May our government wake up and give them some help before it's too late. Multi-tasking teachers and school staffs facing unimagined, constantly changing conditions while risking their own health deserve huge thanks, as well as parents and students trying to survive on this unpredictable roller coaster. Food stores and so many other essential merchants along with their employees working to keep their places of business virus free and as well as productive deserve much gratitude. I'm thankful, too, for food pantries, shelters and the like providing for basic needs of the many thousands of citizens, unknown to us who have been reduced to poverty, displaced and saddened by loss during this epidemic.

Finally, I am thankful for my family's willingness to cancel the usual dinner together, utilizing Zoom to gather, share memories and have some fun. It was a satisfying occasion that we hope will not be necessary next year.

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OBITUARIES

Sheila Rae Bowser

Nov. 28, 1937 – Nov. 28, 2020

Sheila Rae Bowser, 83, of Kalamazoo died peacefully at home Nov. 28, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

Sheila was born Nov. 28, 1937, in Benton Harbor, the daughter of William and Bernice (Kreiger) Klum.

While soaring the blue skies as a stewardess for American Airlines, a friend introduced her to the man who'd become her husband. Bill was from the small, industrial town of Butler, Pa., where many of his family members still live today. He was attending law school at the University of Michigan at the time and the pair met for a blind date. Before long, they were married. Together they raised three children, a full-time job in itself for Sheila while Bill practiced in Kalamazoo as an attorney.

She also had many hobbies to keep her busy. She was an incurable antique hunter and enjoyed spotting the perfect decorations to add to her home. She possessed a wonderful sense of style. Friends and family alike were always made comfortable in her home. Sheila also loved to read and create handmade Christmas ornaments. Most of all, she doted on her grandsons and supported them in their aspirations.

Honest to a fault and joyful as one could be, Sheila found humor all around her. The memories she created and her signature laugh will be cherished forever.

Sheila was preceded in death by her parents.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, Bill; three children: Carrie (Rachel) Bowser-Switzer, Anne (Jim) Lewis, and Bill (Julie) Bowser; and two grandchildren: Bill and Jacob, of whom Grampy and Nana are incredibly proud.

Cremation has taken place. A gathering will be held at a later date. Visit Sheila's personal webpage at www.BetzlerLifeStory.com, where you may read her Life Story, archive a favorite memory or photo, and sign her online guest book.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kalamazoo Humane Society. Arrangements by Betzler Life Story Funeral Home, 6080 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo.

Jeanette Catania

Sept. 14, 1936 – Nov. 23, 2020

Our loving Mother, Jeanette Elsie (Selent) Catania, went peacefully to her Heavenly home on Nov. 23, 2020, at her daughters' under the loving care of her family.

A celebration of life will be at noon Saturday, Dec. 5, at Lake Michigan Christian Center, 9955 Church St., Bridgman, with Pastor Erik Gustafson officiating. Friends may visit with the Family starting at 11 a.m. prior to the service. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Jeanette was born to Edward and Elsie (Mischke) Selent on Sept. 14, 1936.

She married Albert Catania (deceased March 15, 1965). They had six children: Douglas Catania (deceased), Deborah Catania, Catherine Catania, Cynthia (Gary) Klutts, Joseph (Pam) Catania and Joy Woods; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and the hundreds of other children she adopted into her heart and her family. She is also survived by a sister, Beverly Selent.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1954. Jan worked in sales at Whirlpool, where she was also an appliance model. She then had a daycare in her home for many years. She worked at ICMS and Larry Nye's in Baroda. And then worked many years for Underwater Construction before she retired in 2018. She loved spending time with her family. She was a huge fan of U of M football and enjoyed watching the games with her son, grandsons and siblings, especially on the Big Field in Ann Arbor. She loved her ladies golf league. She was the best crossword solver, loved to read, and was adored by all.

In leiu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

LeRoy Coburn

June 16, 1928 – Nov. 28, 2020

LeRoy Coburn, 92, of Michigan City, Ind., and Lakeland, Fla., passed away Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sommerfeld Chapel, 15 N. Barton St., New Buffalo.

LeRoy was born in Michigan City, Ind., on June 16, 1928, to the late Ora and May (Spellman) Coburn. He served his country during World War II while in the U.S. Navy.

His working career included time at Budd Co., in Gary, Ind., Pullman Standard in Michigan City, Ind., and most recent at the New Buffalo Drug Store. He was an avid golfer, having still golfed several times a week at age 89. LeRoy also enjoyed singing.

He is survived by three sons: James (Chris) Coburn of Michigan City, David (Clare) Busse of Imperial Beach, Calif., and Fred (Kim) Busse of Barrington, Ill.; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lucille Tryon of Michigan City.

Preceding LeRoy in death are wives: Ellen and Lorraine; son, LeRoy Jr.; daughters: Linda and Mary; brothers: William and John; and a sister, Mary.

A celebration of life service will take place at noon Friday, Dec. 4, at the Sommerfeld Chapel in New Buffalo, with Pastor Kel Penny officiating. Burial will follow at Pine Grove Cemetery in New Buffalo. Visitation precedes the service at the funeral home from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Skwiat Post #451 in Michigan City, Ind. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.sommerfeldchapel.com.

Robert Lee Finch

July 8, 1937 – Nov. 18, 2020

Robert Lee Finch made a peaceful transition from earth to a heavenly home on Nov. 18, 2020, following a long illness.

Robert was born July 8, 1937, to the union of Mack Finch and Trullar Pascal in Paducah, Ky. The family relocated to Benton Harbor when Robert was 3 years old.

Robert graduated from Benton Harbor High school in 1956 and served his country in the U.S. Armed Forces.

He then furthered his education by graduating from Michigan Barber College and later becoming a master barber.

As a young man, Robert developed an entrepreneurial spirit. He was one of the first to open a Black-owned business, The Dollar Man Barber Shop. Robert owned and operated two barbershops in Benton Township, where he cut hair for 55 years until which time his health forced him to retire.

Robert's other business pursuits included a partnership in the family business Finch Funeral Home.

Robert always had a creative spirit which he expressed in his smart dapper dress and styling hair. He later used these same skills when he developed an interest in botany and began carving shrubbery into animal shapes.

Robert was a member of the American Legion 410 post and was a member of The Old Timers Club of Benton Harbor.

Everyone in Benton Harbor knew Robert. He had an extremely likable manner and would strike up a conversation with anyone. Robert enjoyed traveling and did so both domestically and internationally.

Robert married the love of his life, Barbara Butler, in 1960. To that union two sons were born: Robert Lee "Tim" Finch II, and William Jeffery Finch.

Robert is survived by his wife, Barbara Finch; sons: Robert Lee "Tim" (Angie) Finch II, and Robin (Alecia) Lee; special brother-in-law, Larry (Jeannie) Midgett; grandchildren: Tiffany S. Finch, Danielle Johnson, Robert Lee (Bobby) Finch III, Jaylin Lee, Davion Lee, Devin Lee, Jaquan Lee; great-grandson: Elijah Royce Denman; special cousins: K. Debora (Timothy Brock) McCoy, Zachary McCoy-Brock; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents: Mack and Truller Lee Finch; brother, William I. Finch; and son, William Jeffrey Finch.

Death notices

Paul B. Bixby, 76, of Berrien Springs died Nov. 29, 2020, at his home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Sheila Rae Bowser, 83, of Kalamazoo died Nov. 28, 2020. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Homes, Kalamazoo, 375-2900.

Jeanette Elsie (Selent) Catania, 84, died Nov. 23, 2020.

LeRoy Coburn, 92, of Michigan City, Ind., and Lakeland, Fla., died Nov. 28, 2020. Sommerfeld Chapel, New Buffalo 469-2233..

Bertha Mae Davis, 84, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 30, 2020, at Royalton Manor, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Robert Lee Finch, 83, died Nov. 18, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Wayne Gay, 82, of Hartford died Nov. 30, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Terrance "Terry" A. Hafer, 79, of Stevensville died Nov. 24, 2020, at his home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Walter Siebert, 94, of Mishawaka, Ind., died Nov. 28, 2020. Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola, Ind.

Eugene "Gene" F. Tutton, 84, of Coloma died Nov. 27, 2020 at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Walter Siebert

May 12, 1926 – Nov. 28, 2020

Walter Siebert, 94, of Mishawaka, Ind., passed away peacefully at home with his wife of over 73 years by his side, on Nov. 28, 2020.

He was born in Rastenburg, Germany, to Otto and Berta Maghun. He married Erika I. Scholz in 1947.

Walter and Erika moved their family from Germany to the United States in 1956, and proudly received their citizenship five years later.

He is survived by his wife, Erika; two children: Werner (Sherill) and Juergen (Carolyn); a granddaughter, Noelle Coplin (Clayton); and a great-granddaughter, Anja.

Walter was preceded in death by a son, Walter; a daughter-in-law, Sherill; as well as four brothers: Heinz, Horst, Kurt and Klaus; and his parents.

He learned the plumbing and sheet metal trade at a young age. After settling in St. Joseph, Walter worked at Whirlpool Corp., in the Research and Development Department for 14 years. In 1970, Walter and his brother Kurt started River Valley Sheet Metal, and he was involved in many large projects throughout the Michiana area and at Notre Dame.

Walter was a member of Sheet Metal Workers Local #20. He retired in 1988.

Walter loved his family and the house he built in 1970, his pride and joy, and the property he and Erika had. That was Heaven on Earth.

In retirement, Walter became involved in the art of stained glass, and that became his passion. He made many beautiful pieces and enjoyed giving these pieces as gifts just for the fun of it.

There will be a private graveside service at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

We would like to thank the Center for Hospice for the wonderful care and compassion they showed Walter and his family, especially nurse, Nicole; and aide, Michele.

Memorial contributions in Walter's name can be made to the Center for Hospice.

Winfried Breitkreuz

Feb. 23, 1939 – Nov. 24, 2020

Winfried "Fred" Breitkreuz, 81, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, in St. Joseph.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, at the First Church of God in St. Joseph with the Pastor David Colp officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph.

The service can be livestreamed at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHBQKdULWGNZwdvwcaeJ3Pw?view_as=subscriber

Memorials may be made to First Church of God.

Those wishing to leaving an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph.

Fred was born in Potsdam, Germany, on Feb. 23, 1939, to Erwin and Edith Breitkreuz. In 1951, Fred immigrated to the United States, then graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1957.

He married Lois Cauwels Breitkreuz on Aug. 11, 1962. Fred received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from John Brown University and MBA from Western Michigan University. He was a proud owner of the family business Ace Plumbing & Heating Co., for more than 50 years.

Fred was a devoted Christian and a member of the First Church of God in St. Joseph. He also was a 32nd Degree Mason, member of the St. Joseph Masonic Lodge, and member of the St. Joseph River Yacht Club. Fred enjoyed boating, racquetball, walks with his wife, and most of all, spending time with family. Fred was known for his commitment, integrity, humility, compassion and joy.

Fred's marriage to Pat was purposeful and sacrificial, holding true to their faith while never losing sight of each other. He constantly encouraged Pat and his family in their goals, faith and hardships. Fred left every person he met better than he found them. Whether that was with a joke or a personalized song, Fred spread his joy and left everyone smiling.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Pat Breitkreuz; brother, Volker Bradley and his wife Jyl; daughter, Rebecca Breitkreuz; son, Stephen Breitkreuz; son, Van Taylor; daughter, Patty Schoonheim; daughter, Kimberly Simons; and 14 grandchildren: Ryan Sanford, Aaron Sanford, Dylan Breitkreuz, Skylar Simons, Makenzie Simons, Jensen Simons, Camden Simons, Emma Breitkreuz, Luke Breitkreuz, Jack Breitkreuz, Josh Breitkreuz, Rachel Schoonheim, Natalie Schoonheim and Jenna Schoonheim.

Getting it straight

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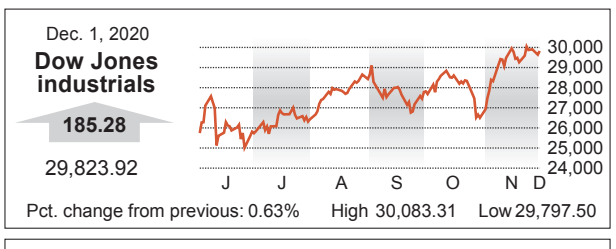

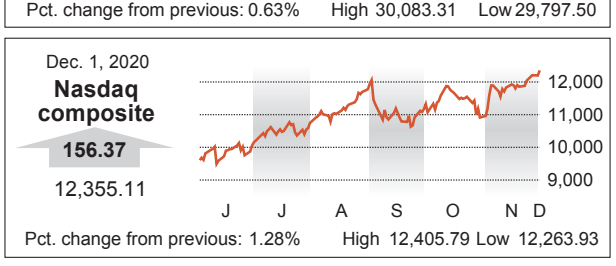

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XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	109.83	110.42	+3.74	+3.5	▲	▲	▲

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Spacecraft lands on moon to bring rocks back to Earth

By JOE MCDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — A Chinese spacecraft landed on the moon Tuesday to bring back lunar rocks to Earth for the first time since the 1970s, the government announced.

The Chang'e 5 probe "successfully landed" at its planned site, state TV and news agencies reported, citing the China National Space Administration. They didn't immediately announce any more details.

The lander was launched Nov. 24 from the tropical southern island of Hainan. It is the latest venture by a Chinese space program that sent its first astronaut into orbit in 2003, has a spacecraft en route to Mars and aims eventually to land a human on the moon.

Plans call for the lander to spend about two days drilling into the lunar surface and collecting 2 kilograms of rocks and debris. The sample will be lifted up into orbit and transferred to a return capsule for the trip to Earth.

If it succeeds, it will be the first time scientists have obtained fresh samples of lunar rocks since a Soviet probe in the 1970s.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The "Look Good, Feel Better Caring For Yourself Inside and Out" program will be offered at Studio 1 St. Joseph. The free program helps women deal with the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation by teaching them new hair looks, wig education and skin care, said Sharie Conrad, owner and coordinator of the program.

1985 – 35 years ago

The Village of Eau Claire will celebrate its 125th anniversary next year with its inaugural Cherry Festival and Fair, according to the festival committee. The event, scheduled for July 4-5 will coincide each year with the annual Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm National Cherry Pit Spitting Contest.

1970 – 50 years ago

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eva of Fairplain have donated a piano to the senior citizens "100 Club" at Harbor Towers in Benton Harbor. The piano will be located in the tower's eighth floor community room for use by all residents. Dedication of the piano will coincide with the Christmas party for the club's members.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 2, the 337th day of 2020. There are 29 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 2, 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

On this date:

In 1804, Napoleon crowned himself Emperor of the French.

In 1816, the first savings bank in the United States, the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, opened for business.

In 1823, President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous October.

In 1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

In 1954, the U.S. Senate passed, 67-22, a resolution condemning Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., saying he had "acted contrary to senatorial ethics and tended to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first full-scale commercial nuclear facility in the U.S., began operations. (The reactor ceased operating in 1982.)

In 1970, the newly created Environmental Protection Agency opened its doors under its first director, William D. Ruckelshaus.

In 1993, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellin.

In 2000, Al Gore sought a recount in South Florida, while George W. Bush flatly asserted, "I'm soon to be the president" and met with GOP congressional leaders.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
44°	34°	43° / 33°	42° / 34°	43° / 35°	41° / 32°

Local Outlook

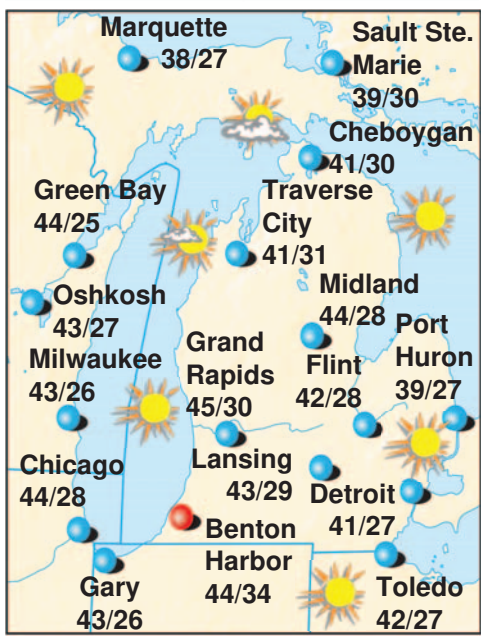
Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 44°, humidity of 55%. West northwest wind 10 to 13 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 34°. West southwest wind 7 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 26°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:56 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:14 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 7:04 p.m.
Moonset ..... 10:02 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
12/7	12/14	12/21	12/29

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	34°
Low	27°
Normal High	40°
Normal Low	27°
Record High	60° in 2012
Record Low	12° in 2002

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal for month	0.09"
Year to date	32.03"
Normal Year to date	35.42"

Air Quality

Yesterday 16
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

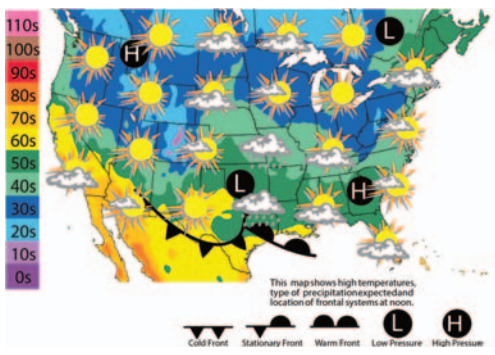
Weather Trivia

Where is the driest place on Earth in terms of average annual rainfall?

Answer: Atacama Desert, Chile.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Dec. 2, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NW wind 10 to 12 kt. Sunny. Waves 3 to 4 ft. Water temperature 38 degrees. Tonight, W wind 11 to 15 kt. Mostly clear. Waves around 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny with highs in the 30s and 40s. West northwest wind 10 to 19 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 30s and 40s. West wind 7 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 30s and 40s. West northwest wind 10 to 13 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 40s. Southwest wind 7 to 11 mph.

MARKET

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said the plan will be to have Santa stationed inside a plexiglass box so kids can still get their photos taken while "keeping Santa healthy."

There will also be a virtual seller's showcase for vendors, for guests who still want to support small businesses without attending the event during a pandemic.

Castaneda said a series of products will be broadcast over Facebook Live for viewers at home to comment on whether they will buy.

"It's taken a lot of preparation to turn the Carson's into a spot for vendors," Castaneda said. "They had a lot of equipment in there. It's required getting the space cleared out."

Castaneda said the mall will host another event in the spring, which will be similar to a business expo.

For more information on the event, visit https://bit.ly/3luNsyv.

Contact: twittkowski@TheHP.com, 932-0358, Twitter: @TonyWittkowski

Preparations are underway for a holiday market inside the former Carson's store at The Orchards Mall in Benton Township.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Vanshelli Price, left, and Sandra Mosimbwa work on a window display Tuesday in preparation for the upcoming market.

RELIEF

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Democrats declined to release details of their concessions to McConnell.

"Speaker Pelosi and I sent him the proposal in a good faith effort to start, to get him to negotiate in a bipartisan way," Schumer said.

McConnell's response was to convene conversations with the Trump team and House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy of California. During the campaign, Trump appeared eager to sign a relief bill and urged lawmakers to "go big" but McConnell said Tuesday's modest measure is all he'll go for now.

"We don't have time for messaging games. We don't have time for lengthy negotiations," McConnell said. "I would hope that this is something that could be signed into law by the president, be done quickly, deal with the things we can agree on now." He added that there would still be talks about "some additional package of some size."

McConnell's reworked plan swiftly leaked. A summary ignores key demands of Democrats and moderates such as aid to states and local governments and additional unemployment benefits.

In Wilmington, Delaware, Biden called on lawmakers to approve a down payment on COVID relief, though he cautioned that "any package passed in lame-duck session is – at best – just a start."

And a bipartisan group of lawmakers proposed a split-the-difference solution to the protracted impasse over COVID-19 relief in a last-gasp effort to ship overdue help to a hurting nation before Congress adjourns for the holidays. It was a sign that some lawmakers across the spectrum are reluctant to adjourn for the year without approving some COVID aid.

The group includes Senate centrists such as Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Collins, who hope to exert greater influence in a closely divided Congress during the incoming Biden administration.

The proposal by the bipartisan group hit the scales at $908 billion, including $228 billion to extend and upgrade "paycheck protection" subsidies for businesses for a second round of relief to hard-hit businesses like restaurants. It would revive a special jobless benefit, but at a reduced level of $300 per week rather than the $600 benefit enacted in March. State and local governments would receive $160 billion, and there is also money for vaccines.

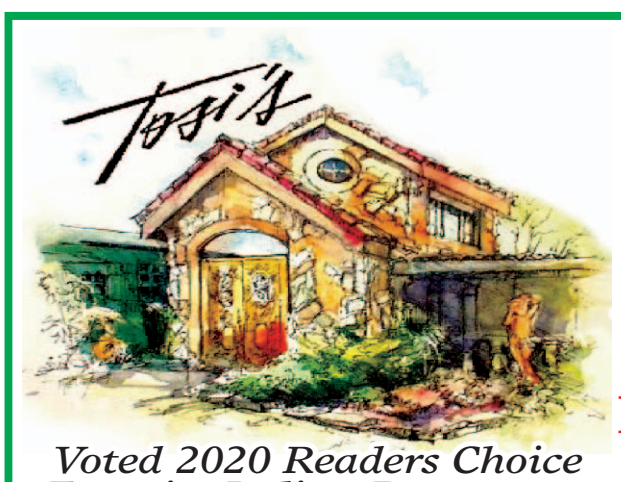
Previous, larger versions of the proposal – a framework with only limited detail – were rejected by top leaders such as Pelosi, D-Calif., and McConnell. But pressure is building as lawmakers face the prospect of heading home for Christmas and New Year's without delivering aid to people in need.

Lawmakers' bipartisan effort comes after a split-decision election delivered the White House to Democrats and gave Republicans down-ballot success. At less than $1 trillion, it is less costly than a proposal meshed together by McConnell this summer. He later abandoned that effort for a considerably less costly measure that failed to advance in two attempts this fall.

"It's not a time for political brinkmanship," Manchin said. "Emergency relief is needed now more than ever before. The people need to know that we are not going to leave until we get something accomplished."

Pelosi and Mnuchin were discussing COVID relief and other end-of-session items, including a $1.4 trillion catch-all government funding bill. Mnuchin told reporters as he arrived at a Senate Banking Committee hearing to assess earlier COVID rescue efforts that he and Pelosi are focused primarily on the unfinished appropriations bills, however.

"On COVID relief, we acknowledged the recent positive developments on vaccine development and the belief that it is essential to significantly fund distribution efforts to get us from vaccine to vaccination," Pelosi said afterward.



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COLLEGE NOTES

Gondrezick off to fast start for West Virginia basketball

Benton Harbor graduate scored over 20 twice to lead Mountaineers to tourney title

By HP STAFF

Benton Harbor graduate Kysre Gondrezick is seeing her offseason work pay off in her senior season on the West Virginia women's basketball team.

GONDREZICK

Gondrezick was the Mountaineers' leading scorer in their first two games this season as they won the South Point Thanksgiving Shootout in Las Vegas.

Gondrezick had 23 points in an 83-62 victory over Fresno State on Nov. 27, then scored 22 in a 62-42 win over LSU the following day. Gondrezick was 8-for-14 (57 percent) on 3-pointers between the two games.

Gondrezick averaged 15.3 points per game and earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors last season. Gondrezick posted on her Twitter account that she has lost 50 pounds since then as a result of an intense offseason conditioning program.

"I spent my entire offseason working out, three times a day, five or six times a week, from 6 a.m. to 6 that night," Gondrezick said in a story on BlueGoldNews.com. "It was just getting up and doing conditioning, cardio. I didn't touch weights for about two months. I had to change my entire body to fit a basketball profile to be able to play this game at the highest level possible. That was my only focus after the season."

West Virginia coach Mike Carey, who now has 700 career victories after the win over LSU, has been impressed by Gondrezick.

"I've never had a player do a transformation to that extent," Carey told BlueGoldNews.com. "I've had people come back in better shape. I've had people who worked on their game. She did both."

Gondrezick was Michigan's Miss Basketball and The Herald-Palladium Senior Female Athlete of the Year in 2016.

Goodline excelling for Huntington

GOODLINE

Coloma graduate Zach Goodline has been a key player for the Huntington University men's basketball team, which has started the season 5-0.

Goodline, a sophomore, is second on the Foresters in scoring with 16 points per game, tied for first in rebounds per game (6.6), and leads in assists (5.6) and steals (2.2).

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Watts scores 20, No. 8 Michigan St. beats No. 6 Duke

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Rocket Watts scored 20 points and Julius Marble had a career-high 12 to help No. 8 Michigan State beat No. 6 Duke 75-69 on Tuesday night in the Champions Classic.

The Spartans (3-0) trailed by 10 early in the game but closed the first half with a 13-4 surge to take a 37-33 lead at halftime.

Michigan State maintained control in the second half, leading by as many as 16, with balance on offense to go with aggressive defense and rebounding.

The Blue Devils (1-1) rallied late and pulled within five in the final minute. They started strong and led 13-3 before struggling to make shots or get stops.

Duke shot just 32 percent from the field and allowed five Spartans to score in double figures.

Joey Hauser had 11 points and 10 rebounds for Michigan State. Aaron Henry had 14 points, five rebounds, five assists, three steals and three blocks. Malik Hall added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Matthew Hurt had 21 points and 13 rebounds for Duke, but freshman Jalen Johnson was limited to 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting after scoring 24 in his college debut.

Jaemyn Brakefield scored 11 and Jordan Goldwire had 10 points for the Blue Devils.

Big picture

Michigan State: Tom Izzo improved his coaching record to 3-12 against the Blue Devils with the Spartans' first win at Duke, which didn't have its raucous fans at Cameron Indoor Stadium due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Duke: Settling for jump shots proved to be a problem because they simply were not falling all night for the Blue Devils, who missed 14 of their first 15 3-pointers.

Poll implications

Michigan State should continue to climb in the AP Top 25, while Duke might slip a bit.

Up next

Michigan State hosts Detroit on Friday night.

Duke hosts Bellarmine on Friday night.

Deep and talented

Robert Willett / AP

Notre Dame's Kyren Williams (23) reacts after scoring on a 1-yard carry against North Carolina during Friday's game.

No. 2 Notre Dame rolling behind solid roster

By JOHN FINERAN
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — If No. 2 Notre Dame manages to secure its second College Football Playoff berth, coach Brian Kelly's words before his Fighting Irish secured their first one in 2018 will have proven prophetic.

"Look, we need to get better from 65 to 85 – that 65th scholarship to the 85th scholarship," Kelly said on national signing day in February 2018, more than 10 months before the 12-0 Irish faced Clemson in a CFP semifinal.

The Tigers manhandled the Irish 30-3 behind freshman Trevor Lawrence's three touchdown passes against an Irish secondary weakened with All-America cornerback Julian Love in concussion protocol. It was evident then that Notre Dame needed to improve

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MSU football tough in underdog role as No. 3 Ohio St. comes next

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

One thing is still true at Michigan State under new coach Mel Tucker.

The Spartans have been a dangerous underdog.

Michigan State has only two victories this season, but both were against ranked teams that were favored by double digits. No matter how this 2020 campaign ends for Tucker's team, that's something he and his players can build on – and another chance looms this weekend when the Spartans are scheduled to host No. 3 Ohio State.

"Everybody who came here, came here to play the best team in the Big Ten," quarterback Rocky Lombardi said Tuesday. "We didn't come here to beat out the worst team in the Big Ten, we came here to beat the top dogs and to compete with the best in the country. This is a good opportunity, we've been looking forward to this now for a while."

Expectations were low for this Michigan State team after Tucker replaced Mark Dantonio and his first offseason with the Spartans was limited by the pandemic. There have certainly been some low points – the Spartans lost their opener to Rutgers and were blown out by Iowa and Indiana.

But it could have been far worse. Michigan State beat rival Michigan, which was ranked No. 13 at the time. And last weekend, the Spartans handed then-No. 11 Northwestern its first loss.

"You do see that when you have coaches and players that are competitors, obviously when you're playing a really good matchup, obviously there's just a competition factor that kind of comes into play in terms of intrinsic motivation, and wanting to put your best foot forward," Tucker said.

Michigan State won three Big Ten titles under Dantonio. The Spartans are a long way from reaching that type of goal, but another defining characteristic of Michigan State under Dantonio was that the program seemed to thrive in an underdog role. Two of those Big Ten championships required memorable victories over previously unbeaten Ohio State teams, for example.

Only three FBS teams this season have two wins over AP top 15 teams – Alabama, Georgia and Michigan State. Consistency, of course, is still an issue. That's why the Spartans are below .500. Plus, if Michigan State really starts making strides under Tucker, it won't be such a big underdog in a lot of these games.

"You don't want to ever overlook anybody, no matter what number is next to their name, because we know in the Big Ten every game's going to be a tough game," safety Xavier Henderson said. "You understand, like, our game (last weekend) got moved to ESPN from ESPN2, and you kind of understand, like, this is a big game. But I wouldn't say there's more attention to detail, because we want to bring that every week."

Next up is Michigan State's toughest test of the season. The undefeated Buckeyes canceled their game last weekend against Illinois because of COVID cases, but they said Tuesday they were resuming full practices in preparation for Michigan State.

"I think at this point everyone has Ohio State somewhat circled on their schedule because it's considered maybe the best team in the country," Tucker said. "So when you come to the Big Ten, you come to Michigan State, you come here because of the caliber of ball that you're going to be able to play, the competition."

U-M football halted by virus, but Harbaugh says season has 'been worth it'

By RAINER SABIN
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

It seems like ages ago. But in mid-September Jim Harbaugh was brimming with optimism.

The Michigan football coach was enthusiastic about the reinstatement of Big Ten football after a five-week postponement that roiled this section of the country.

"Stay positive. Test negative. Let's play football," he said in an enthusiastic statement.

Exactly 75 days later, at the conclusion of Harbaugh's weekly news conference Monday, the vibe surrounding his sinking program was negative. Multiple people within the team were presumed to have tested positive for COVID-19 and no football was being played or practiced because of the potential outbreak of cases.

It was the latest gut punch for the Wolverines, who have slogged through a miserable season while stumbling to a 2-4 record.

The sad state of Michigan football was captured in Harbaugh's 18-minute session with the media Monday, when reporters showed him no mercy. They questioned whether Michigan had been forced to pause activities because of lax adherence to protocols while wondering aloud if the spike in possible infections was caused by Thanksgiving Day travel, improper mask usage or some combination of both.

Harbaugh refuted those suppositions.

Then, he was asked if he could do a better job of covering his face.

It was sort of absurd, which is what this season has become here in Ann Arbor.

Since Harbaugh rejoiced upon learning Michigan would have the chance to compete in 2020, the Wolverines have lost to a Michigan State team they were favored to beat by 24 points, endured a marathon battle to overcome Rutgers in three overtimes and fell to a Penn State squad that was 0-5 for the first time in the program's 134-year history.

Up until Monday, the only hook Michigan could hang its hat on was the disciplined approach it took to avoid the wrath of the coronavirus. As other programs, including rival Ohio State, were sidelined by the virus, Michigan kept lining up each Saturday to play.

Harbaugh touted the program's diligence in following the guidelines, saying he was told by the athletic department's chief health officer that what Michigan had implemented was a "real model for everybody."

"It's a testament to the players and to the staff," he added.

Harbaugh made those comments in early September as he marched in the streets of Ann Arbor, campaigning for the season to go on after it had been postponed the previous month.

In retrospect, Harbaugh's eagerness to play appears regrettable. His team has foundered and faced some prominent injuries along with precautionary player absences.

"It's been challenging," offensive line coach Ed Warinner said last week. "We've had a lot of guys miss a lot of time because of contact tracing because of this or that. You get the sniffles you miss two days because they're checking to see and double-checking to see, which is the right thing to do whether or not you have COVID, so you're out a practice. And then all of a sudden you miss the two work days of practice and you're back in and are you really ready to go when you miss the two bulk days of practice, who knows? We've had all kinds of things going on that have interrupted continuity in training."

Come game time, the Wolverines have looked out of sorts and disorganized, which has led to poor results that have chipped away at Harbaugh's reputation and placed the university he loves in an uncomfortable position.

Michigan leadership's must soon resolve the dilemma related to his contract. With one year left on Harbaugh's deal following this season, athletic director Warde Manuel and the program's chief stakeholders will need to decide whether offering Harbaugh an extension in the middle of a

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SPORTS BRIEFS

SJ's Walters named 2nd-team all-state

St. Joseph boys soccer junior midfielder Seth Walters earned Division 2 second-team all-state honors from the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association this season.

Walters helped the Bears finish 14-4-1 and reach the regional final. His name was inadvertently omitted from a story in the Nov. 19 sports section.

La Russa scheduled to change plea in drunken driving case

PHOENIX (AP) — Chicago White Sox manager Tony La Russa is scheduled to change his plea to misdemeanor charges stemming from his drunken driving arrest nine months ago on a freeway in Phoenix.

The Hall of Fame manager, who had previously pleaded not guilty to the two drunken driving charges, is scheduled to change his plea on Dec. 21 in Maricopa County Justice Court.

Authorities say La Russa, who won a World Series with Oakland and two more with St. Louis, blew out a tire on the grey Lexus he was driving in a collision with a curb that left the vehicle smoking. Tests taken the night of his arrest showed his blood alcohol concentration was .095 – above the legal limit of .08.

The arrest occurred on Feb. 24, but the charges were filed on Oct. 28 – one day before his hiring by Chicago.

La Russa pleaded guilty to driving under the influence in Florida in 2007 after police found him asleep inside his running sport utility vehicle at a stop light and smelling of alcohol.

La Russa was hired by Chicago in a surprise move after Rick Renteria was let go in what the team said was a mutual decision.

Cent. Michigan falls to Fla. Int'l. 96-76

MIAMI (AP) — Eric Lovett had 20 points as Florida International easily defeated Central Michigan 96-76 on Tuesday night.

Tevin Brewer had 14 points for Florida International (3-0). Antonio Daye, Jr. added 11 points.

Travon Broadway Jr. scored a career-high 19 points for the Chippewas (0-2). Aundre Polk added 10 points.

COLLEGE NOTES

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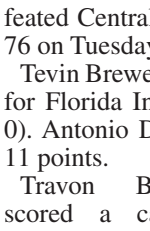
His best game came in a 96-68 victory over Lawrence Tech on Nov. 10. He finished with 25 points, eight rebounds, six assists and five steals.

Goodline was the 2019 Herald-Palladium Senior Male Athlete of the Year. He originally committed to play at Huntington, but spent his freshman season at Oakland, where he played a total of 71 minutes in 11 games.

Jones starting for Kansas as freshman

Berrien Springs graduate Garrett Jones has earned a starting spot as a true freshman on the Kansas football team's offensive line.



JONES

Jones started at center in the Jayhawks' 59-23 loss to TCU on Saturday. He also appeared in three other games for Kansas, which is 0-8 on the season.

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Broncos could have avoided quarterback quagmire

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER – The Denver Broncos could have avoided the quarterback quagmire they got stuck in over the weekend had they only embraced the notion of a "quarantined QB" that was championed by the likes of the Buffalo Bills and Philadelphia Eagles last summer.

Coach Vic Fangio deemed as overkill that pandemic precaution back in training camp.

So, after the NFL disqualified all of his quarterbacks over coronavirus concerns, Fangio had to turn to a rookie receiver on his practice squad who played quarterback in college but hadn't taken any snaps at practice in the pros.

It was no surprise then that Kendall Hinton completed more passes to the Saints (two) than to the Broncos (one) in Denver's 31-3 loss to New Orleans in which he posted a passer rating of zero.

"I don't think it's necessary, to be honest with you," Fangio said back on Sept. 3 when asked about the concept of a quarantined quarterback in case his QB room got wiped out by COVID-19.

"Plus, it has to be with the right guy, somebody that has experience in your system that if the emergency happens you have them there," Fangio continued. "Our quarterbacks have been meeting together all camp. They're socially distanced like they should be. I think most teams are doing that. There hasn't been an issue so far, knock on wood."

That good fortune ran out Saturday when the NFL disqualified Drew Lock, his backup Brett Rypien and practice squad veteran Blake Bortles for having been maskless around No. 3 QB Jeff Driskel before he tested positive for COVID-19 on Thanksgiving morning.

The Broncos' pleas to have their game against New Orleans pushed back a day or two to give them a fighting chance were rejected by the league.

The NFL's medical team deemed the COVID-19 exposure in Denver was contained to the team's quarterbacks room, unlike the Baltimore Ravens' roster-wide virus outbreak that's led the NFL to postpone their trip to Pittsburgh three times.

The Ravens are now scheduled to play their game against the Steelers on Wednesday afternoon, six days after it was supposed to the main course of the NFL's Thanksgiving triple-header.

Denied a 48-hour reprieve and the chance to prepare a new passer or even to get Lock, Rypien and/or Bortles back in time to make it a fair fight, the Broncos turned to Hinton, who played quarterback at Wake Forest before switching to wide receiver last year.

Hinton was cut by the Broncos after training camp and a month ago was spending his days pitching products, not passing or catching footballs.

He'd taken a job selling candy bars and other merchandise to high schools for fundraisers when he was summoned back to Denver for a $4,447 weekly practice squad paycheck.

This week, he'll get a $35,882 game check for taking it on the chin for the Broncos, completing just one of nine passes for 13 yards against the Saints.

One of the worst performances in modern NFL history drew props, not pillory.

"Mad respect to that kid," Broncos left tackle Garett Bolles said Monday.

"Mad respect & props 4 @Kendall—Hinton2 ... I don't care stats or score, this young man did nothing but battle w/the crappy hand he was dealt!" tweeted Hall of Famer Kurt Warner.

"A lot of respect for this guy," Saints linebacker Demario Davis tweeted after the game. "He handled this situation like a real pro. I can only imagine the range of emotions and mental download he went through in 24 hrs."

Still, it didn't have to come to this had any of their quarterbacks worn their masks around Driskel last week or if the Broncos had just isolated one of their quarterbacks early on, especially after they'd signed Bortles in September when Lock was sidelined with a sprained shoulder.

It's what the Bills are doing with rookie Jake Fromm, who's on their 53-man roster but working only remotely, and what the Eagles did with veteran journeyman Josh McCown for two months before he was signed to the Texans' active roster a few weeks ago.

Asked Monday if the Broncos had discussed isolating Bortles once the quarterbacks are cleared to return, Fangio said, "We haven't yet ... but that's something we will discuss."

Not that he's inclined to do it even after the events of the wildest of weekends, one which put the Broncos (4-7) in perilous position of becoming the first team ever to miss the playoffs for five straight seasons following a Super Bowl championship.

"I think if we just follow the protocols," Fangio said, "we'll be fine."

In other notable Week 12 calls:

Titans turnaround

The Titans were up 28-14 late in the first half at Indianapolis when coach Mike Vrabel sent out his punt team on fourth-and-4 at the Indy 38. A change of heart sent the Titans offense back out and Ryan Tannehill hit Corey Davis at the Indy 1 with 22 seconds left in the half. One play later, Tannehill took it in from a yard out for 35-17 lead, propelling them to a big win for a series split that put Tennessee back atop the AFC South.

"I wasn't campaigning on the sideline," Tannehill said. "I was honestly ticked off that we didn't convert on third down. I was pretty ticked about that, but Coach gave us another chance and we took advantage."

Political football

Washington briefly stood atop the dreadful NFC East standings after its 41-16 rout of Dallas on Thanksgiving, and the team posted a snapshot of the standings on the team's official Twitter account with the caption "STOP THE COUNT!" That's a phrase President Donald Trump popularized as he fought to overturn the results of the election in several swing states following President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

The team quickly deleted its tweet.

IRISH

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its talent on both sides of the line of scrimmage and create adequate depth if it wanted to challenge the top CFP contenders.

Fast forward to this season in which the Fighting Irish (No. 2 CFP) find themselves a temporary member of the Atlantic Coast Conference. If Notre Dame (9-0, 8-0 ACC) beats Syracuse (1-9, 1-8) at home on Saturday, it clinches a berth in the league championship game Dec. 19.

Led by quarterback Ian Book, running back Kyren Williams, safety Kyle Hamilton and rover Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, Kelly's Irish have some top-level talent. As they showed in Saturday's 31-17 victory at North Carolina, the Irish also have quality depth, particularly on the offensive line.

"You feel confident that when they are called upon that they will be able to step in and significantly impact in a positive way," Kelly said.

Facing a prolific Tar Heels offense that was averaging 563.4 yards and 43.1 points, the Irish went to the locker room tied at 17-17 with strong safety Shaun Crawford questionable with an injury and Hamilton ejected for targeting.

Crawford returned and the secondary got a huge lift from backups Houston Griffith and D.J. Brown replacing Hamilton.

The front seven of coordinator Clark Lea's defense had 14 players contribute and showed its physical dominance, limiting the Tar Heels to 78 total yards and no points in the second half.

Reserve ends Isaiah Foskey and Justin Ademilola were credited with sacks while reserve tackle Rylie Mills and reserve linebacker Marist Liufau contributed a half-sack each as Notre Dame registered six against Sam Howell, who finished with 211 passing yards, far below his 328.9 average..

"I think we have the best linebacker depth in the country," inside linebacker Drew White said, "and I think that showed with Marist stepping up and having an awesome. Houston did a great job locking down the secondary. That's just how this defensive unit is. It's more than 11 guys."

"You feel confident that when they are called upon that they will be able to step in and significantly impact in a positive way."

BRIAN KELLY
Notre Dame football coach

Meanwhile, the offense hardly skipped a beat playing with sophomore center Zeke Correll and senior right guard Josh Lugg stepping in, respectively, for starters Jarrett Patterson (broken foot) and Tommy Kraemer (appendectomy).

"I thought Zeke did a great job as a first-time starter," Kelly said. "To get the kind of ball control we had (35:04), especially in the second half (18:30), your center has to be doing a great job with protections. They threw a lot of stuff at us and (Correll's) recognition was really good. And Josh's a big fellow – he can get people moved off the line of scrimmage."

First-year coordinator Tommy Rees saw his offense total 478 yards as Book threw for 279 yards and rushed for 48 more, and Williams went over the century rushing mark for the fifth time with 124 yards while scoring three times.

Three tight ends – juniors Tommy Tremble and George Takacs and freshman Michael Mayer – all caught crucial passes. They were all on the field blocking along with starting tight end Brock Wright for Williams' one-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter.

Four tight ends on the same play. Talk about depth and talent.

"I think the most important thing was the belief that we have the guys that can step in," Kelly said. "We love these guys and trust them, and so they went out and they played at a high level."

MICHIGAN

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budget crisis makes more sense than cutting ties with one of the school's sacred figures.

Yet Harbaugh has no misgivings about his thirst for football in this year of heartache and disappointment.

"I believe it has been worth it," he said. "There are challenges in football and there are challenges in life. Responding and rising up to that challenge is something I believe in very strongly. That's how I feel about it."

Seconds later, the inquisition ended and Harbaugh went back to tending to a team paralyzed by the positive results from preliminary tests. It's the paradoxical scenario of what Harbaugh outlined in September when the season had been restored and the Wolverines were infused with hope.

SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	8	3	0	.727	299	282
Miami	7	4	0	.636	284	205
New England	5	6	0	.455	229	255
N.Y. Jets	0	11	0	.000	152	322

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	8	3	0	.727	324	285
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	302	253
Houston	4	7	0	.364	268	297
Jacksonville	1	10	0	.091	227	325

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	0	0	1.000	298	174
Cleveland	8	3	0	.727	265	286
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	268	195
Cincinnati	2	8	1	.227	230	289

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	10	1	0	.909	348	238
Las Vegas	6	5	0	.545	292	319
Denver	4	7	0	.364	209	298
L.A. Chargers	3	8	0	.273	277	300

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	.364	214	253
Washington	4	7	0	.364	241	243
Phila.	3	7	1	.318	237	277
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	251	359

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	2	0	.818	326	225
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	344	280
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	295	281
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	280	300

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	349	283
Chicago	5	6	0	.455	216	250
Minnesota	5	6	0	.455	292	305
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	252	328

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	8	3	0	.727	341	304
L.A. Rams	7	4	0	.636	263	215
Arizona	6	5	0	.545	304	258
San Francisco	5	6	0	.455	261	254

Thursday's Games

Houston 41, Detroit 25
Washington 41, Dallas 16

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 43, Las Vegas 6
Buffalo 27, L.A. Chargers 17
Cleveland 27, Jacksonville 25
Miami 20, N.Y. Jets 3
Minnesota 28, Carolina 27
N.Y. Giants 19, Cincinnati 17
New England 20, Arizona 17
Tennessee 45, Indianapolis 26
New Orleans 31, Denver 3
San Francisco 23, L.A. Rams 20
Kansas City 27, Tampa Bay 24
Green Bay 41, Chicago 25

Monday's Games

Seattle 23, Phila. 17

Wednesday's Game

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 3:40 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Cincinnati at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
New England at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
Phila. at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Carolina, Tampa Bay

Monday, Dec. 7

Washington at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.
Buffalo at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Dallas at Baltimore, 8:05 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Alabama (62)	8-0	1550	1
2. Notre Dame	9-0	1481	2
3. Ohio St.	4-0	1403	3
4. Clemson	8-1	1392	4
5. Texas A&M	6-1	1262	5
6. Florida	7-1	1226	6
7. Cincinnati	8-0	1204	7
8. BYU	9-0	1113	8
9. Miami	7-1	991	10
10. Indiana	5-1	984	12
11. Georgia	6-2	919	13
12. Iowa St.	7-2	873	15
13. Oklahoma	6-2	815	14
14. Coastal Carolina	9-0	694	16
15. Marshall	7-0	600	17
16. Northwestern	5-1	577	11
17. Southern Cal	3-0	540	19
18. Wisconsin	2-1	531	18
19. Oklahoma St.	6-2	426	21
20. Louisiana-Lafayette	8-1	352	23
21. Oregon	3-1	326	9
22. Tulsa	5-1	244	24
23. Washington	3-0	218	-
24. Iowa	4-2	119	-
25. Liberty	9-1	67	-

Others receiving votes: North Carolina 65, Buffalo 56, Texas 39, Auburn 25, Colorado 21, NC State 11, Boise St. 8, San Jose St. 8, SMU 8, Oregon St. 1, UCF 1.

Conference Standings
Atlantic Coast Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	8	0	280	150	9	0	332	150
Clemson	7	1	366	173	8	1	415	173
Miami	6	1	235	184	7	1	266	198
NC State	6	3	304	300	7	3	319	314
North Carolina	6	3	362	277	6	3	362	277
Boston College	5	4	250	248	6	4	274	269
Wake Forest	3	3	209	194	4	3	275	208
Virginia Tech	4	4	264	255	4	5	299	293
Pittsburgh	4	5	230	250	5	5	285	250
Virginia	3	4	194	216	4	4	249	231
Georgia Tech	3	4	185	262	3	5	206	311
Louisville	2	7	245	251	3	7	280	272
Florida St.	1	6	135	265	2	6	176	289
Duke	1	7	185	296	2	7	238	315
Syracuse	1	8	154	277	1	9	175	315

Big Ten Conference

East

	W	L	PF	PA
Ohio St.	4	0	181	104
Indiana	5	1	197	130
Maryland	2	2	94	133
Michigan St.	2	3	90	155
Michigan	2	4	170	207
Rutgers	2	4	185	214
Penn St.	1	5	150	197

West

	W	L	PF	PA
Northwestern	5	1	149	92
Iowa	4	2	191	100
Wisconsin	2	1	101	35
Illinois	2	3	109	160
Minnesota	2	3	150	174
Purdue	2	3	136	142
Nebraska	1	4	103	163

College Football Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 3

La. Tech (4-3) at North Texas (3-4), 6 p.m.
Air Force (2-2) at Utah St. (1-4), 9:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4

La.-Lafayette (8-1) at App. St. (7-2), 8:30 p.m.
Boise St. (4-1) at UNLV (0-5), 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5

Penn St. (1-5) at Rutgers (2-4), Noon
Rice (1-2) at Marshall (7-0), Noon
Texas A&M (6-1) at Auburn (5-3), Noon
W. Carolina (0-2) at UNC (6-3), Noon
FIU (0-5) at Charlotte (2-3), Noon
Memphis (6-2) at Tulane (5-5), Noon
Arkansas (3-5) at Missouri (4-3), Noon
Texas (5-3) at Kansas St. (4-5), Noon
Nebraska (1-4) at Purdue (2-3), Noon
Toledo (2-2) at N. Illinois (0-4), Noon
Kent St. (3-1) at Miami (Ohio) (2-1), Noon
Ohio St. (4-0) at Michigan St. (2-3), Noon
Kansas (0-8) at Texas Tech (3-6), Noon
Oklahoma St. (6-2) at TCU (4-4), Noon
Troy (4-5) at South Alabama (4-6), 2 p.m.
Liberty (9-1) at Coastal Carolina (9-0), 2 p.m.
Bowling Green (0-4) at Akron (0-4), 2 p.m.
E. Michigan (0-4) at W. Michigan (4-0), 2 p.m.
Syracuse (1-9) at Notre Dame (9-0), 2:30 p.m.
La.-Monroe (0-9) at Arkansas St. (3-7), 3 p.m.
Tulsa (5-1) at Navy (3-5), 3:30 p.m.
Florida (7-1) at Tennessee (2-5), 3:30 p.m.
Boston C. (6-4) at Virginia (4-4), 3:30 p.m.
Buffalo (4-0) at Ohio (2-1), 3:30 p.m.
West Virginia (5-3) at ISU (7-2), 3:30 p.m.
Maryland (2-2) at Michigan (2-4), 3:30 p.m.
Indiana (5-1) at Wisconsin (2-1), 3:30 p.m.
Iowa (4-2) at Illinois (2-3), 3:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech (3-5) at NC State (7-3), 4 p.m.
Vanderbilt (0-8) at Georgia (6-2), 4 p.m.
Hawaii (3-3) at San Jose St. (4-0), 4 p.m.
Stanford (1-2) at Washington (3-0), 4 p.m.
BSU (3-1) at Cent. Michigan (3-1), 5:30 p.m.
FAU (5-1) at Georgia Southern (6-4), 6 p.m.
Oregon (3-1) at California (0-3), 7 p.m.
Colorado (3-0) at Arizona (0-3), 7 p.m.
Colorado St. (1-2) at SDSU (3-3), 7 p.m.
SCAR (2-7) at Kentucky (3-6), 7:30 p.m.
Clemson (8-1) at Virginia Tech (4-5), 7:30 p.m.
Miami (7-1) at Duke (2-7), 8 p.m.
Alabama (8-0) at LSU (3-4), 8 p.m.
Baylor (2-5) at Oklahoma (6-2), 8 p.m.
Houston (3-3) at SMU (7-3), 9 p.m.
Oregon St. (2-2) at Utah (0-2), 10:30 p.m.
Fresno St. (3-1) at Nevada (5-1), 10:30 p.m.
Wyoming (2-2) at New Mex. (0-5), 10:30 p.m.
UCLA (2-2) at Arizona St. (0-1), 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6

UAB (4-3) at Middle Tenn. (3-6), 2:30 p.m.
Washington St. (1-1) at USC (3-0), 7:30 p.m.

Postponements and Cancellations

Cincinnati (8-0) at Tulsa (5-1), ppd.
Wake Forest (4-3) at Louisville (3-7), ppd.
Miami (7-1) at Wake Forest (4-3), ppd.
Mississippi (4-4) at LSU (3-4), ppd.
Houston (3-3) at Memphis (6-2), ppd.
Missouri (4-3) at Mississippi St. (2-6), ppd.
Florida St. (2-6) at Duke (2-7), ppd.
North Carolina (6-3) at Miami (7-1), ppd.
Louisiana-Monroe (0-9) at Troy (4-5), ppd.
Alabama (8-0) at Arkansas (3-5), ppd.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AP Top 25 men's basketball poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' 2020-21 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final 2019-20 records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (57)	2-0	1569	1
2. Baylor (6)	2-0	1513	2
3. Iowa	2-0	1410	5
4. Wisconsin	2-0	1287	7
5. Illinois	3-0	1281	8
6. Duke	1-0	1185	9
7. Kansas	1-1	1169	6
8. Michigan St.	2-0	1028	13
9. Creighton	1-0	981	11
10. Houston	3-0	949	17
11. West Virginia	3-0	943	15
12. Villanova	2-1	939	3
13. Tennessee	0-0	878	12
14. North Carolina	1-0	591	16
15. Virginia	1-1	581	4
16. Virginia Tech	3-0	570	-
17. Texas	1-0	478	19
17. Texas Tech	2-1	478	14
19. Richmond	2-0	382	-
20. Kentucky	1-1	363	10
21. Oregon	0-0	338	20
22. Florida St.	0-0	304	21
23. Ohio St.	2-0	282	23
24. Rutgers	3-0	252	24
25. Arizona St	2-1	233	18

Others receiving votes: Michigan 90, San Diego St. 86, Saint Louis 69, Louisville 55, Alabama 52, Florida 45, Indiana 38, UCLA 14, Maryland 9, Providence 7, Stanford 7, UConn 6, Clemson 4, LSU 3, Arkansas 2, Loyola of Chicago 1, TCU 1, Colorado 1, BYU 1.

AP Top 25 Women's Basketball Poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' 2020-21 women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2019-20 final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (29)	3-0	749	1
2. Stanford (1)	1-0	704	2
3. UConn	0-0	689	3
4. Baylor	1-0	665	4
5. Louisville	2-0	607	5
6. Mississippi St.	1-0	586	6
7. Arizona	1-0	566	7
8. NC State	2-0	564	8
9. UCLA	1-0	494	9
10. Oregon	1-0	477	10
11. Kentucky	2-0	466	11
12. Texas A&M	2-0	412	13
13. Indiana	1-0	342	16
14. Maryland	2-1	327	12
15. Northwestern	0-0	289	17
16. Arkansas	3-1	265	14
17. Oregon St.	1-0	256	18
18. Gonzaga	0-1	193	21
19. Ohio St.	1-0	189	20
20. DePaul	0-1	187	19
21. Missouri St.	2-1	153	24
22. Syracuse	1-0	142	23
23. Iowa St.	1-1	128	15
24. Michigan	2-0	110	25
25. Texas	2-0	65	-

Others receiving votes: South Dakota St. 31, North Carolina 24, South Dakota 20, Notre Dame 20, Arizona St. 10, Wake Forest 9, Ohio 6, South Florida 1, Boston College 1, Tennessee 1, Rutgers 1, Duke 1.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Miguel Cairo bench coach; Ethan Katz pitching coach; Curt Hasler assistant pitching coach; Frank Menechino hitting coach; Howie Clark assistant hitting coach; Daryl Boston first base coach; Joe McEwing third base coach; Shelly Duncan analytics coordinator.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Traded RHP Adam Cimber to Miami for cash considerations.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Signed OF Michael Taylor. Designated LHP Foster Griffin for assignment.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Named Jeff Greenberg assistant general manager. Named Craig Breslow assistant general manager and vice president of pitching.

MIAMI MARLINS — Designated RHP Jose Urena for assignment.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

DETROIT PISTONS — Signed G's Killian Hayes and Saben Lee and F's Isaiah Stewart and Saben Lee.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed F Anthony Gill.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed TE Evan Baylis on waivers.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Activated OLB Jaylon Ferguson, G D.J. Fluker, CB Iman Marshall and DT Broderick Washington from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed DE Yetur Gross-Matos on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Activated DE Myles Garrett from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Placed S Ronnie Harrison on injured reserve. Released CB Stephen Denmark from the practice squad. Claimed S Tedric Thompson off waivers from Kansas City. Activated FB Andy Janovich from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Activated G Hjalte Froholdt from the exempt/commissioner permission list.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released RB Darius Jackson from the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Activated K Chase McLaughlin from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Activated DE Gendard Avery from injured reserve. Promoted TE Caleb Wilson and DT T.Y. McGill to the active roster.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Activated DE Isaiah Buggs and G Kevin Dotson from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING DEC. 2

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Housewife	The Conners (N)	black-ish (N)	For Life "The Necessity Defense" (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	The Amazing Race (N) CC		SEAL Team "God of War" CC (DVS)		SEAL Team "Forever War" (N) (Part 2 of 2)	
NBC 5 8 16	Christmas in	88th Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center The 88th annual tree-lighting ceremony.				Christmas Spectacular-Rockettes	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer Finalists from all three groups perform. (N) CC (DVS)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	The Brain Revolution Maximizing and protecting the brain. CC				Memory Rescue With Daniel Amen, MD CC		
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Devils Massimo visits his ailing father. (N)		Coroner "Fire Pt 2" ((F)) (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "A Sister's Search" CC		Dateline "Deadly Denial" CC		Dateline "Mystery in South Beach" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Devils Massimo visits his ailing father. (N)		Coroner "Fire Pt 2" ((F)) (N)		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "A Horse With No Rider"		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam (N)	:01 Rescue Cam	:32 Rescue Cam
AMC	The Polar Express	✦ ★★★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ('89) Chevy Chase. CC				National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation	
Animal	North-	North Woods Law: Uncuffed "Cliffs of Peril"				North Wo. Law	
BET	Awards	Payne	As. Living	Tyler Perry's Sistas		Games People Play	
Big Ten	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball Teams TBA. CC			
Bravo	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Real Housewives of Salt Lake City	
Cartoon	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	The Warriors ('79)	✦ Her Smell ('18) Elisabeth Moss. (P). A self-destructive musician alienates everyone around her.				:20 ✦ 8 Mile	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Expedition X	Josh Gates Tonight (N) CC		Expedition X (N) CC		:08 Lost Relics of the Knights Templar	
Disney	Raven	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Big City	Big City	Big City
DIY	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes	
E!	Monster	✦ ★★ Monster-in-Law ('05) CC				Dating	Dating
ESPN	:00 Basketball (N) (L)			ESPN Documentaries		Basketball (N) (L)	
ESPN2	College Basketball			Basket	College Basketball		
ESPNC	Football	College Football				Classic-Boxing	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Inside	NFL Football Houston Texans at Detroit Lions. (Taped)					Focused
Freefrm	6:25 ✦ ★★★ The Santa Clause	✦ ★★ The Santa Clause 2 ('02) Tim Allen. Santa must get married in order to keep his job. CC					
FX	The Hangover	✦ ★ Baywatch ('17) Dwayne Johnson. Elite lifeguards must save the beach from a crime wave. CC					★ Baywatch
Golf	Wom. Golf			Wom. Golf			
Hallmark	Cmas Starlight	✦ The Christmas House ('20, Romance) Robert Buckley, Jonathan Bennett. CC				✦ Five Star Christmas ('20) CC	
HBO	:10 ✦ ★★★ The Way Back ('20, Drama) Ben Affleck. CC			✦ Baby God ('20, Documentary) (P). CC			:20 The Undoing
History	Forged	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire (N)		:03 Forged in Fire	
HGTV	Property	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "Brandi and Kandi's Story"				My 600-Lb. Life	
Lifetime	Very Christmas	✦ Christmas Harmony ('18, Comedy-Drama) Kelley Jakle, Chandra Wilson. CC				:03 ✦ Christmas in Mississippi ('17)	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pickleball	White Sox Rewind					Outdoor
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. (Taped) CC					
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends
NGEO	Drug Lord	Drug Lords: Next		Trafficked-van Zeller		Trafficked-van Zeller	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Cold Justice (N) CC		Cold Justice (N) CC		Killer Siblings "Rogers" CC	
Parmt	:00 ✦ ★★ Rambo: First Blood Part II				✦ ★★ Rocky IV ('85) CC		
Showtime	Shameless	Shameless CC		✦ ★★★ Hitch ('05, Romance-Comedy) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. (P). CC			
Starz	6:38 ✦ ★★ Godzilla ('98) Matthew Broderick. CC			✦ ★★★ Elf ('03, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan. CC			Deep Impact ('98)
STZENC	6:34 ✦ ★★★★ Forrest Gump ('94) Tom Hanks. CC			✦ ★★ Never Been Kissed ('99) Drew Barrymore, David Arquette. CC			
SyFy	6:00 ✦ ★★ The Day After Tomorrow		✦ ★★ Hancock ('08, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman. CC				Space Jam ('96)
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Fighter Squadron	✦ ★★★ Jane Eyre ('44, Drama) Joan Fontaine. CC				:45 ✦ ★★★ The Devil and Daniel Webster ('41) CC	
TMC	★★ The Beaver	✦ ★★ The Current War: Director's Cut ('19) CC				:45 ✦ ★★ The Iron Lady ('11) Meryl Streep. CC	
TNT	Gladiator	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Fast & Furious 6	
Travel	Alaska	Vanished In the Alaska Triangle (N) CC				True Paranormal	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	★★ Maleficent	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				:08 ✦ ★★ Maleficent ('14, Fantasy)	
VH1	Martin	✦ ★★★ Drumline ('02) Nick Cannon. CC					Love Cost
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Hospital stays can leave elderly patients confused, disoriented

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR DOCTORS: Why do the elderly lose ground mentally when they go to the hospital? Our grandmother had emergency gall bladder surgery, and afterward she got so confused that she thought our grandfather, who passed away, was in the next room. It lasted for a few days, and it was scary.

DEAR READER: Although we can't know the exact nature of your grandmother's cognitive lapse, the type of confusion you describe isn't unusual in older adults who have been hospitalized. Sometimes referred to as hospital-acquired delirium, it's a temporary but severe form of mental impairment that affects up to one-third of patients over the age of 70, particularly those undergoing surgery or those in intensive care. The condition is marked by periods of confused thinking, jumbled memory, difficulty understanding speech, agitation, disorientation and even hallucinations.

These episodes of delirium are often interspersed with interludes during which the person is once again lucid. The duration of hospital-acquired delirium can be as brief as a few hours or, as with your grandmother, can continue for several days. In some cases, these fluctuations in awareness can last much longer. In addition to being upsetting to family members, the condition can hinder the patient's recovery and lead to a general decline in health.

When you consider the many shocks involved with surgery and hospitalization, it's not surprising that the experience can take a steep mental toll on older adults. Not only has the body endured the physical trauma of a surgical procedure, but the patient is also dealing with the effects of anesthesia and the drugs used to manage pain. Once the patient awakens, the hallmarks of their everyday lives have suddenly vanished. They find themselves isolated in a strange place, being cared for by an ever-changing array of strangers. The bright lights, constant noise, ongoing medical interventions and frequent interruptions of hospital life create a stressful environment. Adding to the burden are factors such as infection, dehydration, poor nutrition, anxiety, poor sleep and the potential side effects of multiple medications.

Treatment begins with basic care. That means making sure the person is hydrated, is getting enough nutrients and adequate sleep, and is warm, dry and comfortable. It's also important to help them become oriented to their surroundings. This may sound obvious, but it includes making sure that they have and use personal items such as their eyeglasses, hearing aids or dentures. Each of these help to engage their senses, which lets them stay aware of the world around them.

Other things that have proven helpful are daily exercise, exposure to natural light, removing medications that are not absolutely essential and surrounding the person with familiar objects from their home life. A favorite sweater, a stuffed animal or an array of family photographs can provide visual and sensory cues. Music, which boosts brain activity, has been shown to relieve stress and anxiety.

And if the hospital allows visitors, try to go to spend time with your loved one. Patients feel vulnerable and alone in a hospital setting, and having a familiar and loving presence nearby offers great comfort.

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Yes, that gift would be social-engineering through housewares

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband and I live in the same suburb as his parents, which provides weekly curbside recycling pickup. But my in-laws – 70, in decent health – do not recycle. I cringe watching them throw away bottles and cans whenever we visit.

I had the idea to give them, for this coming Christmas, a nice trash can with separate compartments for trash and recycling, along with a supply of the required clear bags, so all they have to do is set the bag out on the curb.

But could this be perceived as imposing my hippie-dippy ideals on them, or trying to guilt them into recycling? – Hippie-Dippy Idealist

DEAR HIPPIE-DIPPY IDEALIST: It could be perceived that way, yes, because that's exactly what you're doing.

Plus, trying to social-engineer people through housewares you want them to have is not! a! Christmas! gift! It's like buying your spouse a new vacuum cleaner to make them better at doing chores for you. It's coal in their stocking with a side of superiority – and, ironically, extra plastic, steel or other resources.

If you believe your in-laws would want to recycle if it were easier for them to do so, then just buy them the trash can now out of the goodness of your heart. Or even better, tell them you appreciate yours and you'll get them one, too, if they want it.

Or even betterer, do some reading on what actually happens to most of our so-called recycling, then quit the nearly fruitless micro-activism with your in-laws and apply yourself instead to better community choices for trash. It's mostly going to landfills regardless, unless and until we all up our game.

And for Christmas, give them something they'd want.

DEAR CAROLYN: When two adults move in together, should they always split the rent 50/50? He makes double her salary and, due to their career choices, this will likely be the case moving forward.

They are 30 and 36 and in love. They plan on living together one year before getting married and starting a family. – L.

DEAR L.: The only thing they "should" do is agree on how they split the rent.

Fortunately, this is a perfect opportunity for both – before signing anything – to be honest about what they think, how they feel, what they expect and what ghosts might still haunt them when it comes to money, power and trust. I advise them to take it.

DEAR CAROLYN: I am a very curious person by nature. I am always looking up information on the internet. I am interested in how and why and what people are up to. I ask "why" a lot.

I find some people get irritated when I ask why they do something or think a certain way. I also look out the window to see what my neighbors are up to, especially being at home a lot due to the coronavirus.

I have been called "nosy" and been accused of giving someone "the third degree." I feel terrible but how do I rein my curious self in? – Wondering

DEAR WONDERING: Whenever you have a trait that's sometimes a nuisance, otherwise a strength, and possibly/likely so ingrained as to be nearly impossible to change, your best bet is just to announce it: "I've always been hyper-curious. Feel free to tell me if I cross a line."

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Fundraiser, often
5 Video game acquisitions
10 Large parrots
12 Ms. Ochoa of golf
13 — the Hun
14 Husband of Isis
15 Bluebird's residence
16 Talk and talk
18 Long-faced
19 Temple figure
21 Tortilla snack
25 2000 Olympics site
29 Genetic factor
30 Three-legged frame
32 Salon tint
33 Crunchy snack
34 Houston team
37 Eric Clapton classic
38 Gridiron gains
40 Choose
43 RV haven
44 Easily misled person
48 Defense skill
50 Brought up
52 Bleach
53 The Sunflower State
54 Tool maker
55 Boat-deck wood

DOWN
1 Airplane boarding site
2 Feigns
3 Cafe au —
4 Belt maker's tool
5 — Angeles
6 Eye part
7 Dancer — -Ellen
8 Ms. Bagnold
9 Stockholm carrier
10 Adult person
11 Long story
12 Waiting room
17 Pumper's pride
19 Traffic circle
20 High standards
21 Utmost degree
22 Circle size
23 Containers
24 Slight indication
26 Wine valley
27 Catch sight of
28 Bellow
31 Pasture
35 Bucket of song
36 Marquee notice
39 Swarthy
40 Island near Kauai
41 Ever so proper
42 So long, in Soho (hyph.)
44 Great dog?
45 Big Dipper bear
46 Summit
47 Koch and Wynn
48 Utility bill abbr.
49 Base of the decimal system
51 Hit the buffet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

U	M	P	S			I	N	C		J	A	Y
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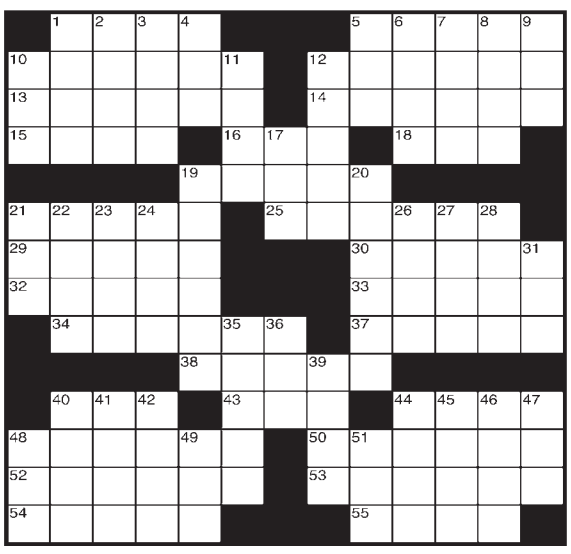

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JUMBLE

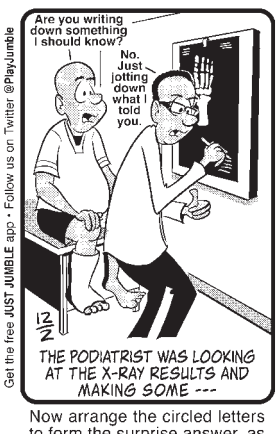
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

COSUR

PETOM

FCEETF

NOTBEN


Are you writing down something I should know?
No. Just jotting down what I told you.
THE PODIATRIST WAS LOOKING AT THE X-RAY RESULTS AND MAKING SOME ---

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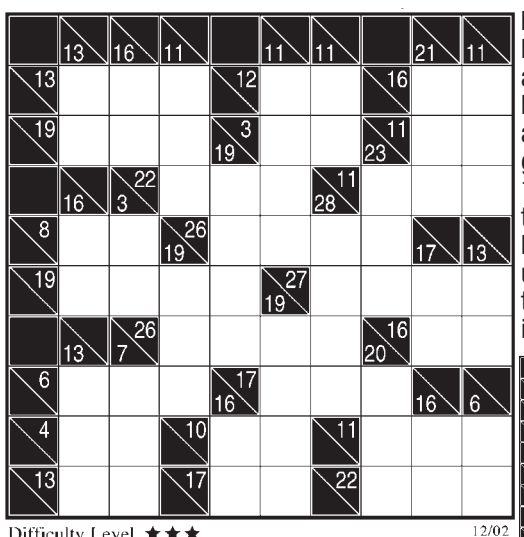
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

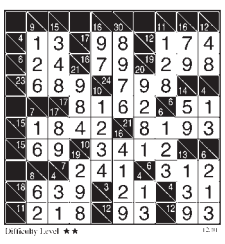
Yesterday's Jumbles: BLEAK DODGE GLOSSY ATTACH
Answer: With every unit rented, the owners of the apartment building were happy, — TO SAY THE "LEASED"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 12/02

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Heinrich Heine, a 19th-century German poet, wrote, "The Romans would never have found time to conquer the world if they had been obliged first to learn Latin."

This makes more sense in its original context, where you can see that he means Latin as a second language.

When you are the declarer and your contract isn't cold, you might spot two or more chances to gain the extra trick or tricks that you need. Then the hard part is deciding in which order to attack those suits.

How should South play in three no-trump on today's deal after West leads a fourth-highest heart two to dummy's king?

North's two-club rebid was New Minor Forcing. When South denied three spades, North signed off in three no-trump.

Declarer had only six top tricks: two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. If lucky, he could get one more trick from clubs, or two more from diamonds, or three more from spades. The numbers had spoken.

South, since he had to lose at least two spade tricks, immediately played a low spade from the board. East won with his jack and returned a heart. Declarer crossed to his hand with a club and led a spade toward the king, hoping that West had started with ace-third.

West won this trick, cashed his heart queen and played another heart to East's 10. South took East's club exit, played a diamond to the king and cashed the spade king. When everyone followed, declarer claimed. But if someone had discarded, South still had the diamond finesse and break on the back burner (or maybe a squeeze).

Quod erat demonstrandum.

North 12-02-20
♠ K 8 6 5 3
♥ A K
♦ K 7 2
♣ 9 5 2

West
♠ A 10 9
♥ Q 9 8 2
♦ Q 10 6 3
♣ J 4

East
♠ Q J 4
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q 10 8 7

South
♠ 7 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ A J 5 4
♣ A K 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

		9		2		6	1	
		2	9	6		7		
				7				
	1	7		5	2		4	
	5						8	
	9		4	1		3	7	
				4				
		5		8	1	2		
	2	6		9		8		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	1	7	6	5	8	2	3	4
4	6	3	2	1	7	5	9	8
2	5	8	3	4	9	1	7	6
8	4	6	1	9	3	7	2	5
5	2	1	8	7	4	3	6	9
7	3	9	5	6	2	4	8	1
3	9	2	4	8	1	6	5	7
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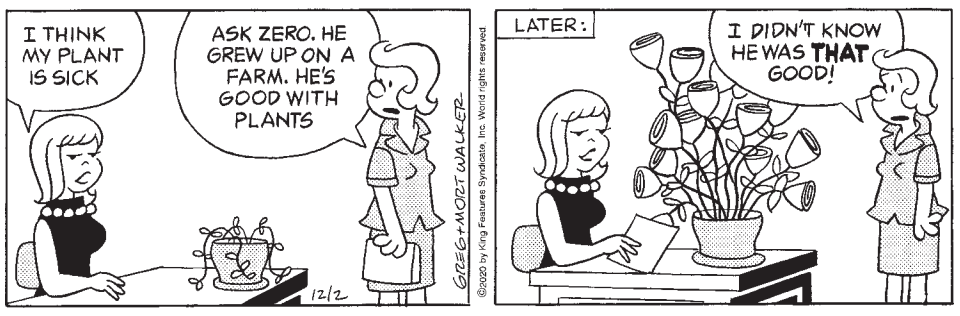
6	8	4	7	3	5	9	1	2

BEETLE BAILEY


I THINK MY PLANT IS SICK
ASK ZERO. HE GREW UP ON A FARM. HE'S GOOD WITH PLANTS
GREG+MORT WALKER
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LATER:
I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS THAT GOOD!
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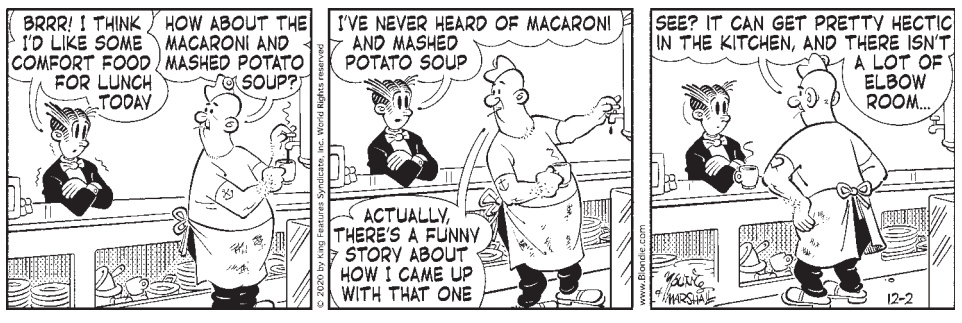
BLONDIE


BRRR! I THINK I'D LIKE SOME COMFORT FOOD FOR LUNCH TODAY
HOW ABOUT THE MACARONI AND MASHED POTATO SOUP?
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF MACARONI AND MASHED POTATO SOUP
ACTUALLY, THERE'S A FUNNY STORY ABOUT HOW I CAME UP WITH THAT ONE
SEE? IT CAN GET PRETTY HECTIC IN THE KITCHEN, AND THERE ISN'T A LOT OF ELBOW ROOM...
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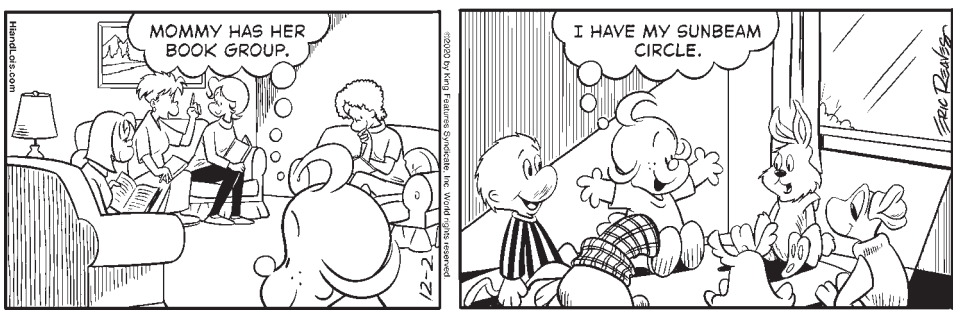
HI & LOIS


MOMMY HAS HER BOOK GROUP.
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I HAVE MY SUNBEAM CIRCLE.
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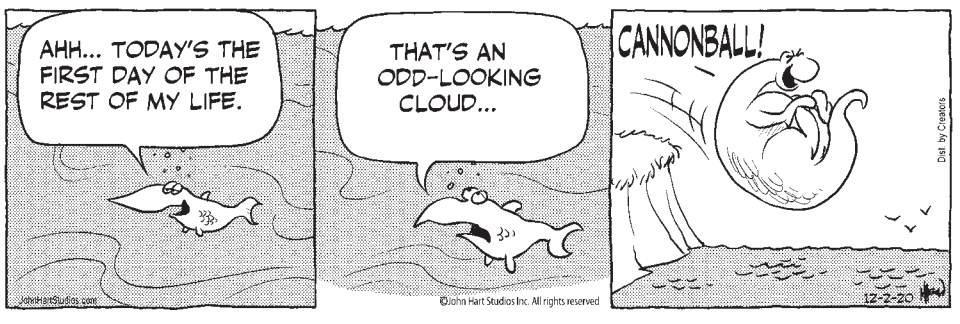
AHH... TODAY'S THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF MY LIFE.
THAT'S AN ODD-LOOKING CLOUD...
CANNONBALL!
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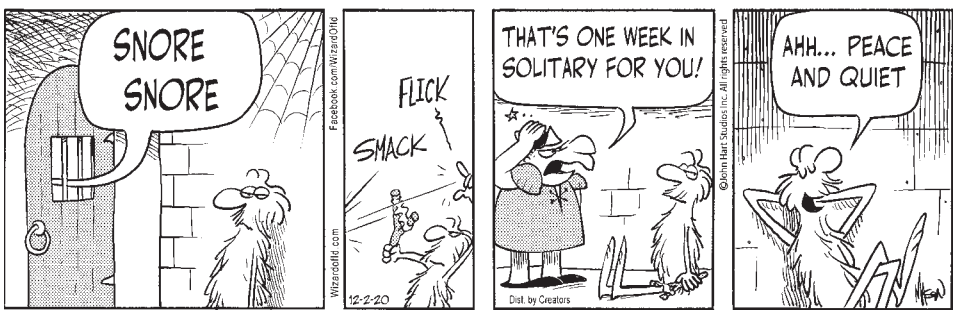
WIZARD OF ID



DILBERT

DO YOU LIKE MY NEW T-SHIRT? IT'S TWO SIZES TOO SMALL, BUT THAT'S ALL THEY HAD.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO BUY SHIRTS THAT YOU LIKE THAT ARE ALSO THE RIGHT SIZE?
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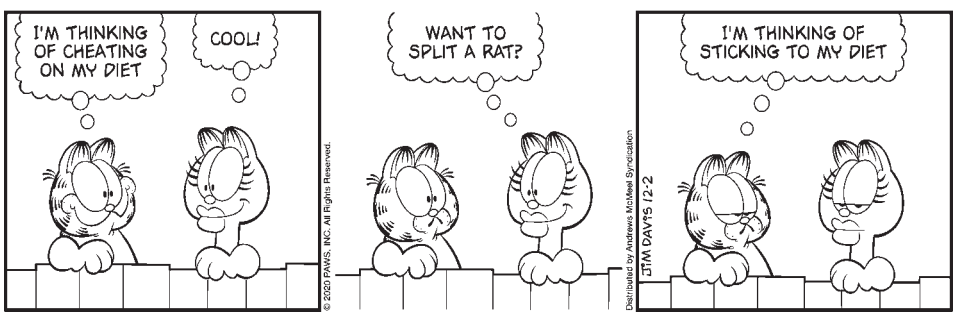
IN THEORY, YES. BUT I HAVE BEEN BUYING T-SHIRTS FOR YEARS, AND I DON'T RECALL SEEING THAT OPTION.

GARFIELD


I'M THINKING OF CHEATING ON MY DIET
COOL!
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WANT TO SPLIT A RAT?
I'M THINKING OF STICKING TO MY DIET
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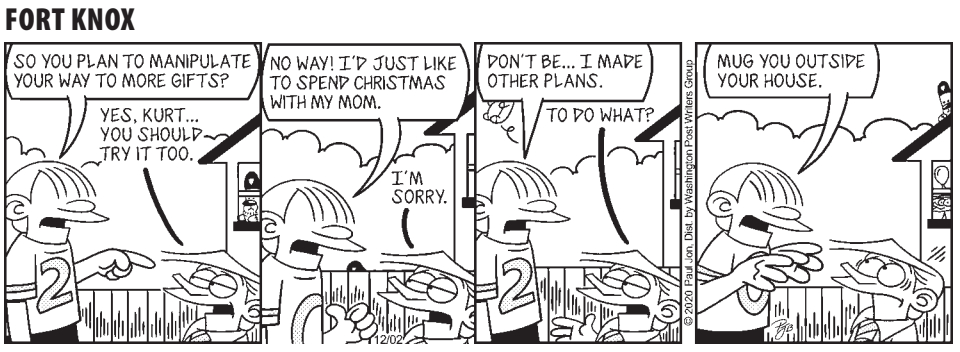
FORT KNOX


SO YOU PLAN TO MANIPULATE YOUR WAY TO MORE GIFTS?
YES, KURT... YOU SHOULD TRY IT TOO.
NO WAY! I'D JUST LIKE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH MY MOM.
I'M SORRY.
DON'T BE... I MADE OTHER PLANS.
TO DO WHAT?
MUG YOU OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSE.
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PICKLES

HOW DO YOU LIKE THE WAY I DECO-RATED THE TREE, EARL?
I USED ALL CAT ORNAMENTS THIS YEAR.
I THINK THAT ONE JUST BLINKED.
MUFFIN! GET OUT OF THAT TREE!
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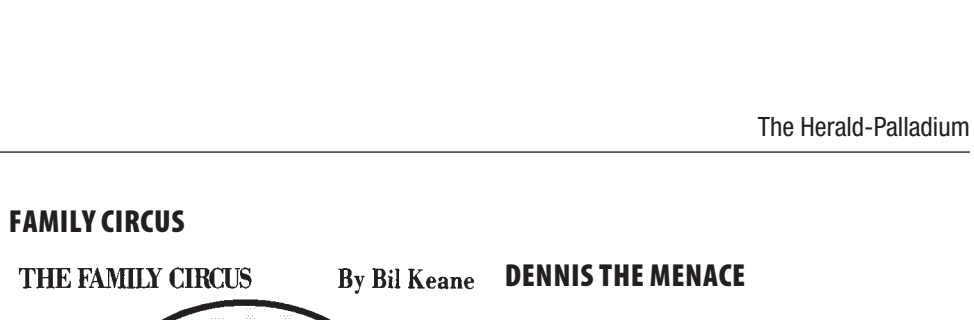
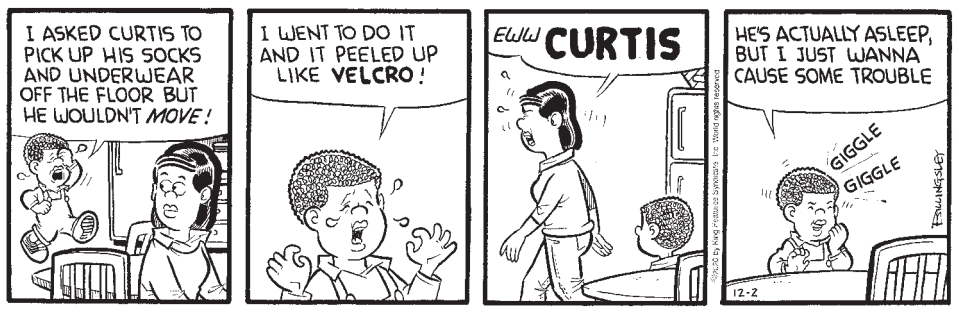
FAMILY CIRCUS

BABY BLUES


DAD, ZOE SAYS SHE CAN TALK TO SANTA ON HER SHOE!
THAT SEEMS PRETTY UNLIKELY TO ME, SON.
I KNEW IT!
BUT HAVE HER PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME JUST IN CASE.
AAAAAUGH!!
babyblues.com

CURTIS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EWW CURTIS
HE'S ACTUALLY ASLEEP, BUT I JUST WANNA CAUSE SOME TROUBLE
GIGGLE GIGGLE
FRANK LESLEY
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ZITS

JEREMY, YOU KNOW YOUR SPANISH TEACHER?
SEÑORA O'MALLEY?
SURE.
IT TURNS OUT THAT SHE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE!
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WE'RE GOING TO HAVE LUNCH! ISN'T THAT EXCITING?
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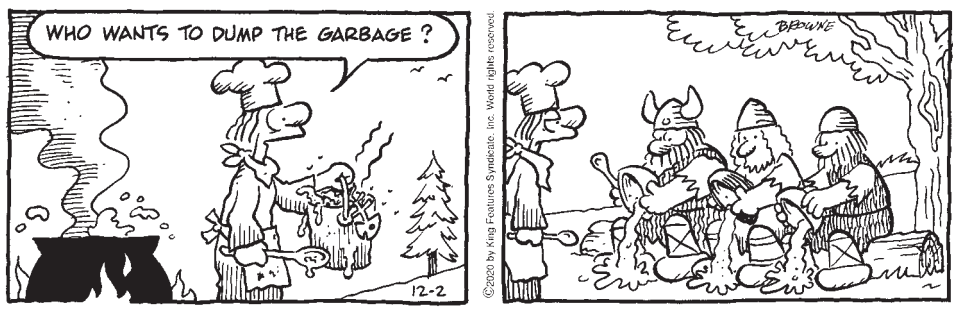

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

GRIMM4, TELL ME AGAIN, JUST HOW HAVE YOU BEEN "WATERING" THESE PLANTS?
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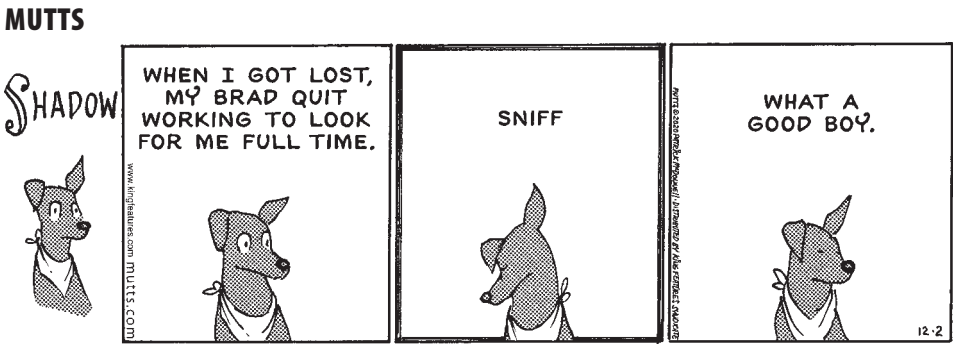

SALLY FORTH

OKAY, THAT'S THE LAST OF THE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FROM THE ATTIC, BASEMENT AND GARAGE WE IMMEDIATELY RECLUTTERED AFTER OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER THERE.
XMAS
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KEEFE
SO, WHAT DO WE DO? GO TO BED NOW AND WAIT FOR SOME ELVES TO DECORATE THE HOUSE FOR US?
OKAY, ONE—IT'S ONLY 3 P.M. AND TWO—YES.

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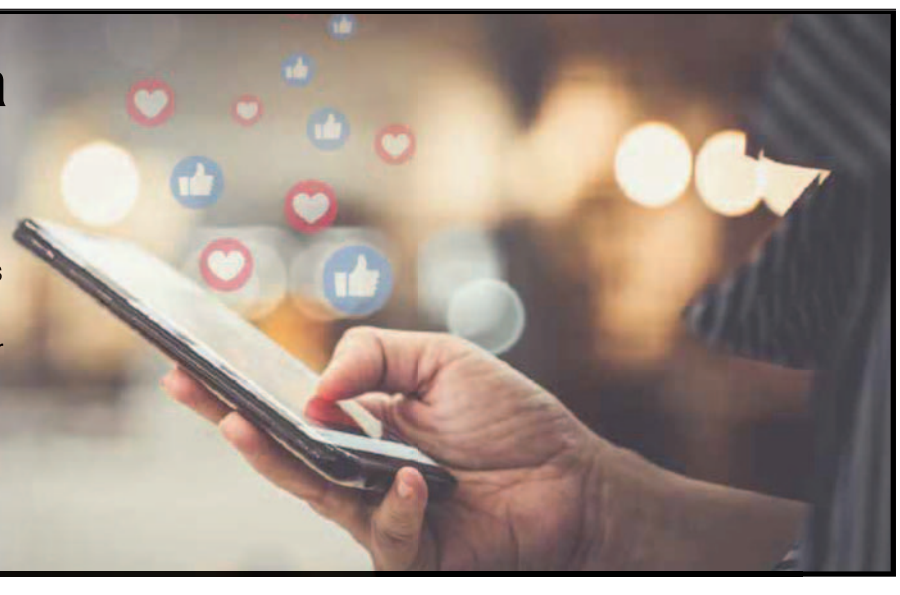

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of: Sharon Kay Costanza, deceased
Date of Birth: 03/09/1946

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Sharon Kay Costanza, died 10/13/2020.

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Date: December 1, 2020

Attorney:
Thomas R. Betker

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carefully choose with whom you associate. Align yourself with people who feel as passionate as you do about your beliefs and goals. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem, and you will accomplish what you set out to do. Adjustments at home will encourage better relationships with loved ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take charge of what's going on around you. If you give in to someone's persuasive tactics, you will lose sight of what matters. Stay strong, be safe and do what's best for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Change begins with you. Size up your situation at work and at home, and consider how you can improve your life and relationships. Concentrate on diet, fitness and maintaining good health.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Speak up and take action. Check out job opportunities and educational pursuits that will encourage a better lifestyle. Don't take a risk with your health or physical well-being.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take care of matters personally. Someone will lead you down the wrong path if you are insecure or defensive. Do your research. A commitment will improve your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Address pending issues, and proceed with your plans. Initiate a move or lifestyle change. Pool your funds to reach a common goal. Speak up for positive change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The changes you make may not line up with what others want. Don't be afraid to go it alone if you can't convince others to get involved in your plans. Once you get things up and running, support will come your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Balance and integrity will matter when dealing with partnerships. Speak the truth, and you will avoid a misunderstanding. A promise someone makes is likely to be broken. Have a backup plan in place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be creative, innovative and willing to do things differently. Reach out to someone from your past who can inspire you to resurrect an old idea you still want to pursue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) How you deal with others will determine how much you accomplish. Channel energy into work, and challenge yourself to go above and beyond the call of duty. Action will lead to positive results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be careful how you handle the people with whom you live or work. Emotions will be close to the surface, and could lead to conflict. Listen to others, and make changes based on facts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Aim to make progress. Refuse to let uncertainty take control or allow someone to push you down a questionable path. Less talk and more action will help you reach your goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A change to where or how you live looks inviting. Consider how you can use your skills to improve your position. Engage in a conversation with someone heading down a path similar to yours.

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hp FOOD & HEALTH

BREAKFASTS AND BANQUETS

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries and salad. Cost is $6.50 for a burger, onion rings and salad. All orders are carryout. Order upon arrival, or call ahead at 426-3542.

Breakfasts and Banquets appears on Wednesdays. The deadline is the preceding Wednesday at noon. Civic groups sponsoring fundraising meals, classes or other food-related events should send information in writing to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email focus@TheHP.com.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. today, Silver Beach Center, 333 Broad St., St. Joseph.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Thursday, Masonic Lodge, 3661 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Thursday, American Legion, 92104 First St., Baroda.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, First Church of Christ, 2240 Yankee St., Niles.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Dec. 9, Knights of Columbus, 32373 E. Red Arrow Highway, Paw Paw.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Dec. 15, Silver Beach Center, 333 Broad St., St. Joseph.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Dec. 16, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 4071 Naomi Road, Sodus.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Dec. 17, Knights of Columbus, 7454 Paw Paw Ave., Watervliet.

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

■ Noon-7 p.m. today, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 1-6 p.m. Thursday, First Baptist Church, fellowship hall, 1635 76th St., South Haven.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, Village Seventh-day Adventist Church, family room, 635 St. Joseph Ave., Berrien Springs.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Dec. 9, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 12, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 13, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-6 p.m. Dec. 16, Lakeland Hospital, Niles, lower meeting room, 31 N. St. Joseph Ave.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Dec. 16, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 2-6 p.m. Dec. 17, Water's Edge United Methodist Church, main entrance lobby, 18732 Harbor Country Drive, New Buffalo.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. To find more drives, visit www.redcrossblood.org or donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip.

Jane's gift guide for foodies

Jane Ammeson

Most holidays, I like to make an assortment of cookies, fudge, chocolate-zucchini bread and candied nuts to give as gifts.

But this year, with COVID-19 cases ramping up again, I'm not sure everyone would appreciate homemade treats. So I'm switching gears and ordering food baskets and gifts tailored to the tastes of family and friends. Here are some I've found:

Photos provided

San Diablo Artisan Churros sells take-and-bake kits that you can get with Nutella, dulce de leche and sweet cream fillings.

Vosges Haut-Chocolat

I love chocolate, and any chocolate that's said to offer mystical healing and ritualistic effects is even better.

So when I read Katrina Markoff, founder and CEO of Chicago-based chocolate company Vosges, had created two new collections – Healing and Ritual – I wanted to know more.

Markoff, whose family suffered a tragedy, wanted to harness the power of positive energy and a type of magic that would remind people to be positive. They wanted to use their own healing powers to help others.

Now that's a tall order for chocolate, but the ingredients she uses in these confections are based on the medicinal properties found in roots, herbs and other ingredients, such as Reishi mushrooms, chamomile, blue algae and guajillo chile.

Her Chocolate Alchemy Truffle Healer Collection features candies like The Sun, made with Japanese yuzu citrus, coconut, marzipan, Angelica and 36 percent cocoa butter white chocolate; and Venus, 45 percent cacao deep milk chocolate truffle mixed with Bulgarian rose oil, Sicilian Bronte pistachios and Italian chestnuts.

Markoff's Ritual Collection for Protection is designed to give the gift of protection through chocolate. There's also Ritual Collections for Joy, Self-Love, New Beginnings and Prosperity.

Whether they're magical or not, they certainly are beautiful and intriguing gifts.

San Diablo Artisan Churros

The take-and-bake churro kit from San Diablo Artisan Churros beats making these treats from scratch. The company says it's the only churro kit maker in the country, making it a one-of-a-kind gift.

The kit contains 13 premade and chilled mini churros, which, to me, are like a rolled up elephant ear.

With take-and-bake churros, you skip mixing and frying the dough, and instead stuff the hollow core with you choice of the accompanying fillings – Nutella, dulce de leche or sweet cream – and then re-heat them in the oven or deep fryer.

The Utah-based company also sells churro dough for those who want to fry their own. And if you want to go all out when it comes to making churros, you can buy their recently introduced Churro Maker kit, which includes nine interchangeable nozzles and a churro maker.

Pastene

For the Italian food lovers on my list, I chose several of the gift boxes from Pastene, a family company that's been in business for 145 years.

For my niece (I hope she's not reading this) who has a husband and three teenagers, I decided on the specialty gift box that contains six types of pasta: gnocchi, spaghetti, linguine and three I'd never heard of – mafaldine, regine and trivelle. The package also includes artichoke hearts, pasta sauce, Kalamata olives, roasted peppers, a can of tonno (tuna) and basil sauce.

For another relative, who is on a special diet, I ordered the gluten-free gift box.

Pastene's website also includes recipes. So I thought I'd share a simple one using many of the ingredients from the kits:

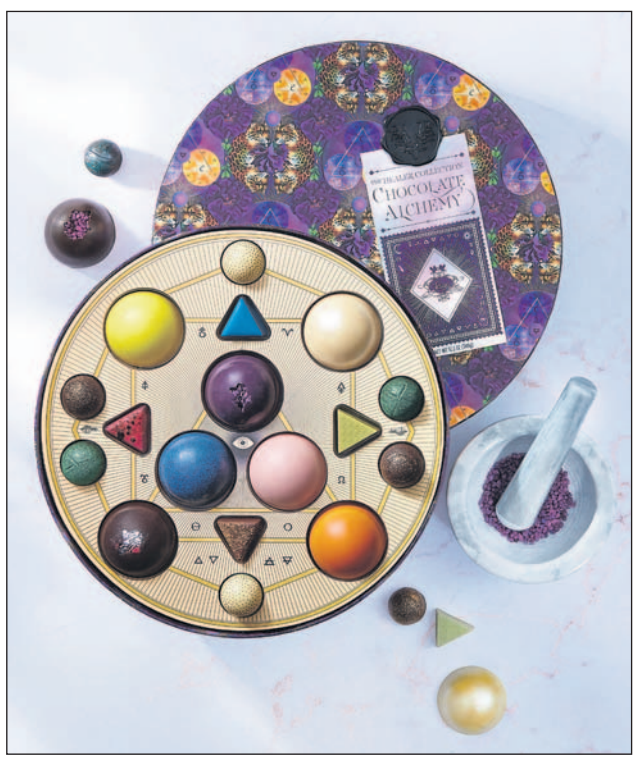
Pasta with Artichoke Hearts

1 pound rigatoni
4 jars marinated artichoke hearts
1/4 teaspoon crushed hot red peppers
3/4 cup cream
1/4 cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped
2 tablespoons capers in vinegar, drained
1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
Salt and pepper

Cook the pasta in boiling, salted water until al dente. Drain and keep hot.

Meanwhile, drain the marinade from the artichokes into a large skillet. Add the peppers and salt to taste. Heat gently over low heat.

Slice the artichoke hearts and add to skillet. Stir in the cream. When heated, stir in the drained pasta, parsley, capers and half the Parmesan.



Vosges Haut-Chocolat's Healer Collection includes Chocolate Alchemy Truffles.

Serve in heated bowls topped with remaining Parmesan.

Eastern Standard Provisions Co.

If you have a pretzel lover in your family, then the heat-and-eat, hand-twisted, Bavarian-style soft pretzels from Eastern Standard Provisions Co. are a perfect present.

They come in all sorts of sizes and shapes, along with such salts as White Truffle, Lemon Rosemary, Chili Lime, Everything Spice and Classic Pretzel. All you do, is add salt and pop them in the oven.

The shapes are whimsical, and I thought they had some type of Bavarian meaning, but it turns out they're based more on Boston, where the company is located. Their first shape was named Wheelhouse, and is, in part, a reference to the sailing culture of the region.

According to head baker Lauren Moran, their Top-Knot shape is also a sailing term, while the Turnbuckle was named for a support system found in the attic of the barn that used to stand where her bakery, Honeycomb, is now located. Just in case anyone asks.

Eastern Standard's first gourmet soft pretzel gift box was named one of Oprah's Favorite Things in 2019.

For this holiday season, the company has launched three holiday-themed gift boxes containing a mix of hand-twisted pretzels, flavored salts and gourmet dipping sauces. They're shipped fresh, and can be eaten right away or frozen for later.

Runamok Maple

Vermont-based maple producer Runamok Maple has large and small gift boxes for this holiday season.

Each has a selection of Runamok Maple's pure, infused, barrel-aged and smoked maple syrups in such flavors as Ginger Root-Infused, Cinnamon+Vanilla-Infused, Bourbon Barrel-Aged, and Pecan Wood-Smoked.

Blue Lotus Chai

If you want to curate your own gift baskets, here are some ideas of things to add for those who are into companies that give back.

Blue Lotus Chai, a spiced tea free of sweeteners, additives, artificial flavorings and colorings, comes in an assortment of masala blends: Traditional, Golden, Mint, Rooibos, Star Anise and Mandarin. Caffeine-free, it's easy to prepare, and contains antioxidants.

This year, Blue Lotus Chai won the Specialty Food Association's 2020 sofi Award for innovation and taste in the 48th annual awards.

The company donates 10 percent of its net profits to charitable organizations such as Doctors Without Borders, American Cancer Research and A Hope for Autism Foundation.

Sacred Sauce

Another company that donates 10 percent of its profits – in this instance to the Rainforest Trust – Sacred Sauce is a medium-heat sauce made with serrano chilis, cacti and blood oranges containing only vegan-friendly, organic and natural ingredients.

Its Sacred Salad Sauce is probably one of the few medium heat sauces for salads. It's made with habanero and serrano chilis, mashed up mango flesh and citrus tangerines, giving it a sweetness without having additives such as sugar or artificial sweeteners. The spicy taste contrasts well with the coolness of salad greens.

Neither Sacred Sauce nor Sacred Salad Sauce contain any preservatives, chemicals, xanthan gum, extracts or concentrates.

SkinnyDipped

With a mission to leave the world a happier, healthier place, the mother-and-daughter team who founded SkinnyDipped offer a variety of whole nuts "skinnydipped" in thin layers of a dark chocolate, milk chocolate and white chocolate.

There's cashews skinnydipped in a dark chocolate salted caramel, Milk Chocolate Peanuts, almonds in dark chocolate espresso and Lemon Bliss (almonds in white chocolate with lemon).

Low in calories, the ingredients are also non-GMO verified, gluten-free and contain no artificial ingredients.

Jane Ammeson can be contacted via email at janeammeson@gmail.com.

SPECTRUM HEALTH LAKELAND FOUNDATION

No gala this year; 'Honoring Healthcare Heroes' to air Dec. 12

ST. JOSEPH — In lieu of the annual Spectrum Health Lakeland Foundation gala, the public is invited to tune in to "Honoring Healthcare Heroes," which will air on WSBT-TV at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12.

Viewers will hear inspirational stories and learn more about the ways local health care workers are saving lives and improving health in Southwest Michigan, according to a Spectrum Health Lakeland news release.

Funds raised from the event will support two new programs at Spectrum Health Lakeland: the transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) procedure, which replaces a diseased aortic valve and is an alternative to traditional open-heart surgery, and the GROWTH (Guided Real-World Orientation and Work Training at the Hospital) program, which emphasizes mentorship, professional competency and training, and health care career exploration for minority and low-income students.

"While we will certainly miss gathering in person with our friends and neighbors, we are excited to offer this new opportunity this year for our community to join together from the comfort of their homes in support of our local health care heroes," Melinda Gruber, interim president of Spectrum Health Lakeland Foundation, said in the release. "Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we are able to offer unlimited access to anyone in the community who wishes to tune in, which is something we've never been able to do before."

To learn more about this event, or to make a donation, call 927-5145 or visit give.spectrumhealth.org/lakeland/honoringhealthcareheroes.